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ANXIETY OVER THE CANAL

London, Aug. 24.

The Prime Minister of Australia, Mr R. G. Menzies, holds talks today to prepare the way for an early approach to Egypt with proposals for international management of the Suez Canal.

Seventeen of 22 nations attending the Suez conference which ended here yesterday asked Mr Menzies to form a five-nation mission to contact the Egyptian authorities, seeking negotiations on the basis of their proposals.

The members of the mission will be Mr Loy Henderson, a United States deputy Under-Secretary of State, and probably Mr Cesten Unden, the Swedish Foreign Minister, Dr Ali Ardalan, Persian Foreign Minister, and Ato Akilou Habte Lold, Ethiopian Foreign Minister.

Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, will attend the first meeting of the five-power group before returning to Washington later in the day. Mr Henderson is expected from the United States in time for the meeting.

Conference sources said tonight the committee may decide to make a preliminary enquiry here to discover whether they will be received by President Nasser if they fly to Cairo. Wing Commander Aly Sabry, President Nasser's Director-General of political affairs, is still in London after coming here to maintain contact with conference developments.

GOING SOON

The spokesman of the French delegation to the Suez conference said tonight "I believe Mr Menzies and the four other members of the five-power committee will leave for Cairo in the next day or two at latest.

"I imagine that within a week from today they ought to have President Nasser's reply as to whether he is willing to enter into negotiations or not."

The decision of the 17 nations to set up the committee brought the Suez conference to its closing phase. The week-long negotiations, sponsored by the United States, Britain and France, followed Egypt's nationalisation of the Suez Canal Company on July 26.

Spain generally adhered to the majority plan, but said an amendment should be put to Egypt if the main proposals were rejected. The Spanish amendment proposed an Egyptian board of directors for the Canal on which international representatives would sit.

SOVIET MOVE

Russia, Ceylon and Indonesia supported India's counter-proposals at the conference for Egypt to retain control of the Canal, while an advisory committee set up from world interests using the waterway would help her to run it.

A Soviet draft communique which Russia unsuccessfully tried to get approved at the conference yesterday supported a decision to send a full transcript of the proceedings to Egypt.

It added: "The conference authorises India, the United Kingdom, France, the United States and the Soviet Union to present to the Egyptian Government the documents of the conferences as a basis of discussion from which further steps could be determined."

Mr Dmirti Shepilov, Soviet Foreign Minister, said in a speech at the session that the group, including Britain, France and the United States, actually had no intention of negotiating the "obviously unacceptable" proposals with Egypt.

He contended they wanted a pretext for accusing Egypt of intractability, "this leaving their hands free for subsequent moves."

THREAT TO PEACE

The 17-nation proposals ask Egypt to establish an international board to operate the Canal, on which she would be represented. The Board would be associated with the United Nations, an arbitral commission would settle disputes, and any interference with the Canal would be regarded as a threat to peace.

Its supporters are anxious for early contact with Egypt since they fear a deterioration in the administration of the Canal. Despite Egyptian assurances that free navigation will be maintained, fears about the possibility of discrimination against vessels of certain powers were not entirely dispelled among British officials.

A Soviet spokesman indicated later tonight that Russia would not send the proposals it supports for a settlement of the Suez problem to President Nasser.

Mr Hramidul Huq Choudhury, Pakistani Foreign Minister, said after the session: "My impression is that Egypt will be agreeable to join in negotiations which will solve the Suez dispute."

Supporters of the 17-nation plan also fear a crisis arising from a shortage of pilots.

British sources firmly deny Russian allegations of intentions to promote such a crisis, but Mr Selwyn Lloyd, the Foreign Secretary, has said advice given to British pilots to remain on the service of the Egyptian company referred only to the duration of the conference.

FINAL MEETING

A final meeting of the foreign Ministers of Britain, the United States and France is probable today before the delegates in London return home.

Sir Anthony Eden, the Prime Minister, may also call a meeting of his Cabinet to discuss the Suez situation in the light of the conference results.

The Government has yet to decide whether to agree to the Labour opposition demand for the recall of Parliament from its summer recess to debate the Suez situation.—Reuter.

EGYPTIAN NAVAL OFFICERS GET PILOT JOBS

Cairo, Aug. 23.

Egyptian naval officers are being drafted as Suez Canal pilots to ease the shortage of experienced men, it was learned today.

The semi-official Mid-East News Agency published a detailed survey of the pilots now taking ships through the Canal and said 31 new pilots had been appointed since the nationalisation of the Canal four weeks ago.

Twenty-seven have already taken up their duties, the agency said.—26 Egyptians and one Greek.

Britons Apply

The agency claimed that applications for pilots' jobs had come from 10 foreign naval officers and pilots, including two Britons, two Greeks and some Americans, Germans and Norwegians.

The pilots, who were being considered only if they had held a Master's certificate for at least 10 years, were being offered salaries ranging from £98 to £148 monthly, depending on their marital status.

The pilots will also receive certain sums for each ship they take through the Canal, plus bonuses and annual leave, the agency said.

The agency's survey said that when Egypt nationalised the Canal there were 205 pilots, including 61 Frenchmen, 54 Britons, 14 Dutchmen, four Danes, two Swedes, two Americans, 40 Egyptians, 11 Greeks, 10 Norwegians, two Italians, a Yugoslav, two Belgians, a Pole and a Spaniard.

It said 43 of these were on leave at the time of the nationalisation but the five Egyptians amongst them immediately returned to work. Since then 21 leave applications have been granted but 27 pilots—including 14 Frenchmen and seven Britons—had failed to return from leave.

And Germans

A Bonn report said representatives of the Egyptian Government had secretly offered German pilots, working on the Kiel Canal between the North Sea and the Baltic, work on the Suez Canal.

The German pilots were said to have been invited to replace British and French pilots who have resigned.

According to unconfirmed reports, four German pilots had given in their notice on the Kiel Canal.—United Press and France-Presse.

CONSPIRACY TRIAL: WITNESS TELLS OF .....

Strong Objection To Paying Official

Mr A. N. Braude, a member of the mining syndicate involved in the conspiracy trial, testified this morning at the Victoria District Court that he had made it clear and emphatic that he would not be a party to paying money to a Government servant.

Giving evidence before Judge W. T. Charles, witness said he had disclosed this view "in no uncertain terms" at a meeting.

The accused are William Allan Hogarth, chartered accountant, of 551, The Peak; Henry Charles Patterson, 45, Company Director, of 10 Victoria Peak Apartments; John Patterson Whitefield, 54, Superintendent of Lighthouses, Marine Department, of Albany Flats; and William Murray Keay, 54, Superintendent of Mines, of 7 Kimberley Street, second floor. All four men are on nominal bail of $300 each.

All four defendants are alleged to have conspired together on divers dates between January 1 and June 5 this year "to enable the said William Murray Keay, then employed as Superintendent of Mines by the Government of Hongkong, to receive a bribe for his showing favour and for his forbearing to show disfavour in the discharge of his official function to a syndicate known as the Bohespic Syndicate, of which the said William Allan Hogarth, Henry Charles Patterson and John Patterson Whitefield were members."

Allocation Of Shares

Keay is additionally charged with corruptly receiving the sum of $25,000 on June 4, then employed as Superintendent of Mines by the Hongkong Government, as a reward for showing favour and for his forbearing to show disfavour to Bohespic Syndicate "in relation to the granting of an issue to the said syndicate of certain purported licence and the subsequent transfer of the said purported licence to the Mountain Lead Mines Company Ltd. a matter in which the Mines Division of the Labour Department of the Hongkong Government was concerned."

Hogarth, Patterson and Whitefield are represented by Mr D. A. L. Wright, instructed by Mr J. C. Stewart of Stewart and Company.

Mr Victor Gittins, instructed by Mr H. Cairns, of Johnson, Stokes and Master, is appearing for Keay.

The Crown is represented by Mr W. A. Blair-Kerr, Acting Solicitor - General, and Mr Dermot Rea, Crown Counsel, assisted by Mr T. Kavanagh, Assistant Superintendent of Police (Anti-Corruption).

Continuing his evidence from yesterday, Mr Braude said he was present at a meeting in Mr Armstrong's office on May 1. Hogarth, Whitefield, Patterson and other Syndicate members were present. The main discussion was the allocation of the contingency shares that had been put aside and various other matters dealing with the Syndicate, including the payment of honoraria to various people.

Prof. Davis's name was mentioned in this connection. There was also the question of honorariums for Keay.

Witness said he remembered standing up and reminding Mr Armstrong that he had expressed in no uncertain terms his view on the subject at a previous meeting.

"I told him I had been emphatic that I would not be a party to the payment of any monies to a Government servant," Mr Braude stated.

Some time after, he received a telephone call from Hogarth in relation to the Syndicate's affairs. This must have been in June. Hogarth explained to him that some difficulties had arisen regarding the licences.

Witness said he presumed at first that Hogarth meant the licences of the Bohespic Syndicate, but it turned out to be otherwise. Hogarth told him further that there was a hold-up of the licences by the Mines Department, and that the Department had refused to release them.

Mr Braude said Hogarth stated also that there was a claim by a licensee in respect of the piece of land and that Keay could not hand over the licences until such time as this claim had been met.

Witness said he told Hogarth over the phone that: "We have a firm of solicitors. I should take the matter up with them very strongly. My own views are that they should approach the Commissioner of Mines."

Hogarth replied that he had already taken the matter up with the solicitors, and that he had been advised by them that it was a legitimate claim and that it should be met. The only way to do so, Hogarth said, was to sell a number of shares, but in order to do so he (Hogarth) had to have authority from the Syndicate.

Sale Of Shares

Hogarth, according to Mr Braude, further stated that he was acting under instructions from solicitors and that the only thing to do was to sign a document that was going to be sent around.

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U.S. SEEKS BRITISH HELP

Washington, Aug. 23.

The American Under-Secretary of State for Far Eastern Affairs, Mr Walter Robertson, conferred this afternoon with the British Charge d'Affaires, Mr E. J. Coulson, about the disappearance of an American patrol plane off the China coast.

Previously, the State Department had indicated it would ask the help of the British Embassy in getting information from the Chinese Government.

Ships of the U.S. Seventh Fleet and planes of the 13th Squadron based on Formosa have patrolled the supposed area of the crash without results so far. The search is continuing.—France-Presse.

FOUR U.S. destroyers, Cushing, Cowell, Owen and Prichett, left Hongkong last night to join the air-sea search for the missing plane's survivors.

The crews of the ships were recalled hurriedly from shore leave yesterday evening.

Eoka Refuse To Disarm

Nicosia, Aug. 23.

The Greek-Cypriot Eoka terrorist organisation today rejected the British Government's surrender terms and issued an ultimatum that it would resume "freedom of action" if immediate negotiations were not begun.

The surrender terms announced yesterday by the British Governor, Sir John Harding, were turned down in leaflets scattered in Nicosia and Limassol, signed by the Eoka leader, "Dighenis", believed to be Colonel Georges Grivas.

The leaflets demanded the withdrawal of the surrender order and the starting of negotiations on the basis of Archbishop Makarios' terms by midnight, August 27.

WARNING

Dighenis charged that the Government's order showed lack of sincerity and short-sightedness and said that "as military commander of the fighting Cypriot forces", he could only answer "no". He declared in the leaflet: "If the authorities want our arms let them come and take them".

The leaflet stated that the Eoka could not suspend its campaign any longer if no agreement was reached.

In order to avoid further bloodshed, however, the organisation would wait until midnight, August 27. If the surrender order were maintained, Dighenis declared he would consider himself freed of the obligation to respect the truce, whose terms he fixed himself last Thursday. "Eoka will resume its freedom of action," he said.

The Ethnarchic Council (Greek Orthodox Church of Cyprus), today declared that it considered the release of Archbishop Makarios an essential prior condition to any settlement of the Cyprus question.—France-Presse.

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Makarios Could Give The Word

THE invitation to the Cyprus terrorists to surrender their arms may appear at first glance to be somewhat tactlessly timed and calculated to prejudice prospects for fresh negotiations created by the self-imposed truce announced by the extremists. But any appraisal of the Cyprus government's latest move must take into full consideration the oft-stated prerequisite of the British authorities for renewed discussions, namely the complete and permanent cessation of terrorism.

Eoka, the Greek-Cypriot extremist organisation has declared a ceasefire, but at whose instigation or for what reason remains unknown. So far as it goes, the action offers a degree of encouragement for a peaceful settlement of the Cyprus problem. Nevertheless, truce or no truce, the terrorists remain at large and are in a position to strike whenever and wherever they like.

It is the British viewpoint, and one that cannot readily be contested, that while the extremists, equipped with weapons, remain in existence, the security of the island is in jeopardy; so too are the lives of Cypriot negotiators should their deliberations with the government on the future of Cyprus run counter to the requirements laid down by Eoka.

The surrender terms are not unreasonable. If the Greek government is prepared to agree to the proposal, any or all of the terrorists who surrender can opt for repatriation to Greece; those who choose to remain on the island, however, are subject to the condition that if they be proven guilty of acts against the person they will be liable for sentence.

It is an ingenious proposition, but perhaps not the most sensible from the point of view of obtaining desired results. A stronger inducement would be the offer of a general amnesty. The urgent need is for disbandment of the terrorists and the smashing of Eoka as an extremist organisation. This probably can best be accomplished by withdrawing the threat of reprisals against individual terrorists who have committed outrages.

The position of Archbishop Makarios could have assumed a new significance had he taken the opportunity, when Eoka proclaimed its truce, of publicly approving it and at the same time condemning violence as an instrument for attaining national aspirations. Makarios, however, remains silent, and in so doing renders it impossible for the British government to bring him back to the conference table.

The sincerity of the British desire to reopen negotiations with responsible Cypriot leaders is not to be doubted, but obviously it must remain merely a desire while Eoka and its terrorist members exist in a form that enables them to commit acts of violence against the population and the security of Cyprus. A word from Makarios could change the situation overnight.

EX-OFFICERS CALLED UP

Cairo, Aug. 23.

The Egyptian army headquarters recalled all reserve officers in a communique issued in the Egyptian Press today.

The communique said: "All reserve officers in the service of the government, administrations, firms and companies who have not yet received individual convocations are asked to proceed to the Headquarters of the National Guard on Saturday morning."—France-Presse.

MARINES OFF

London, Aug. 23.

The cruiser, Cumberland will leave Portsmouth for the Mediterranean tonight, carrying units of Royal Marines, it was announced today.

Cumberland is generally used for Naval manoeuvres, but has been transformed into a troop transport. The armoured landing barge, Sulva is also taking on military vehicles at Portsmouth bound for the Mediterranean.—France-Presse.

TEST CASE

Jerusalem, Aug. 23.

A freighter, flying the Israeli flag will shortly try to pass through the Suez Canal, it was disclosed today.

The move is expected to reveal Egypt's real attitude toward Israel, following the London conference on the Suez Canal.—France-Presse.

MURDER or MANSLAUGHTER

A British crime writer revives a 46-year-old mystery in tomorrow's feature-packed China Mail and asks "Was the executed man guilty of murder or manslaughter?"

This is only one of the topline features appearing in the Saturday Mail, packed with the best week-end newspaper reading available in Hongkong.

Here are some others:

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- ★ *Slavery in the 20th century: Ernest Ashwick writes about the traffic in the Red Sea and how it flourishes in Saudi Arabia.*

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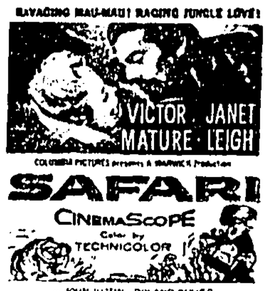

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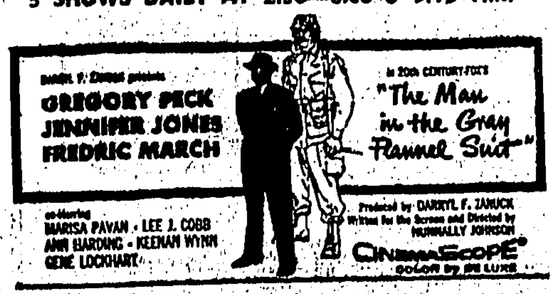

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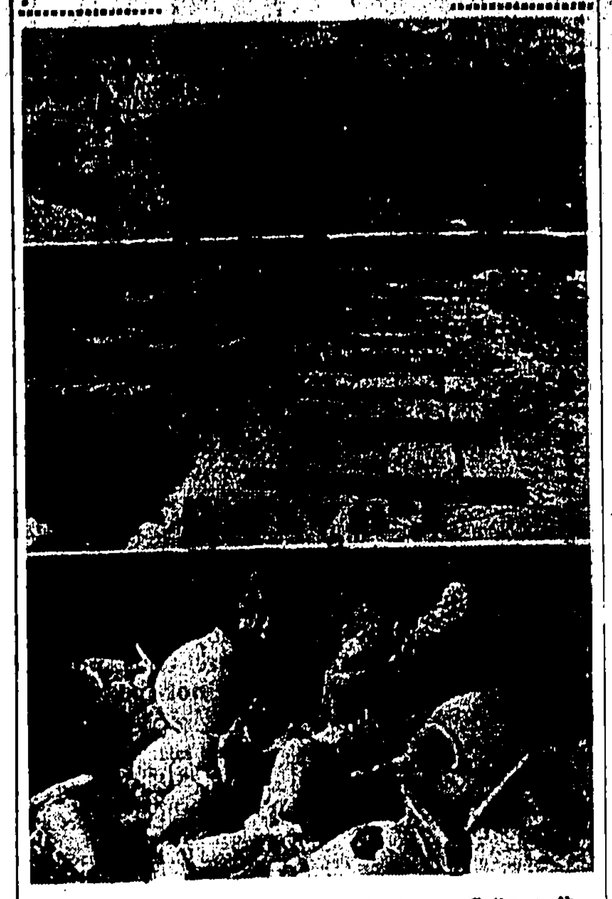

Recent excavations of the Lipari Islands, off the north coast of Sicily, have brought to light remains of a civilisation that existed between the 18th and seventh centuries BC. Picture top shows Vulcan and Faraglione, the scene of the excavations and discoveries; picture centre shows some of 14th-century BC objects uncovered; bottom picture shows urns dated between 1,200 and 1,000 BC. — Express Photo.

Newspaperman Held In North Africa

Cairo, Aug. 23.

The Cairo headquarters of the Algerian Liberation Front charged today that France was holding an Egyptian newspaperman under sentence of death for allegedly photographing incidents involving French soldiers in North Africa.

The Liberation Front, which claims to direct anti-French activities in Algeria, said the newspaperman, El Hami Hussein, had been arrested with two Algerian rebels. The Algerians have already been executed, the Liberation Front's statement said, and Hussein is held under sentence of death in a military prison in Oran.

Burnt Homes

The statement said Hussein was arrested while photographing "homes burnt down by French soldiers in the Flozan Beladroma mountain district near Oran."

Hussein was covering the Algerian troubles for the Cairo weekly Al Mussawar and was accompanied by two members of the "National Liberation Army" when French troops arrested him, the statement said.

It said all three were tried before a military court, which sentenced them to death after a two-day secret trial. The two Algerians were executed within a few hours of being sentenced, it said. The announcement said the Egyptian had been charged with "collaboration with the Algerian National Army."

Completely Untrue

It said the charge was "completely untrue" and added: "France is only trying to keep the world from knowing what really takes place in Algeria." It warned that if Hussein were executed or held in gaol any longer "the National Liberation Army will immediately take up retaliatory action—which the Frenchies know only too well—with relentless forceful measures in order to set free this Egyptian."—United Press.

Voroshilov Cheered

Helsinki, Aug. 23.

Soviet President, Klementi Voroshilov, at present on an official visit to Finland, today inspected the world's largest ice-breakers, under construction for the Soviet Union, at the Crichton-Vulcan naval yard at Aobo.

Thousands cheered the Soviet President as he drove with Finnish President, Urho Kekkonen, from Helsinki to Aobo, Finland's oldest city.

Together they strolled on foot through the flag-bedecked streets of the town.

Later, Marshal Voroshilov went by special train to the industrial centre of Valkeakoski.—France-Presse.

RACE BARRIERS

Pittsburgh, Aug. 23.

The American Federation of Teachers has ordered eight segregated southern locals to drop their race barriers by December 31, 1957, or get out of the union.

Delegates to the 40th anniversary AFT convention issued the ultimatum on Wednesday night to four "all white" and four "all Negro" locals in Georgia, Louisiana and Tennessee.

John Fowles, President of the Chicago Teacher's Union Local 1, described the action as "compromise." But he added: "we are vigorously pressing for integration in every feasible way."—United Press.

RAHMAN DISAGREES WITH OPERATIONS DIRECTOR

Kuala Lumpur, Aug. 23.

Chief Minister Tengku Abdul Rahman today endorsed the controversial statement in Malaya's 1955 annual report that terrorist action now is "more of an annoyance than a threat."

Abdul Rahman made the statement to UP shortly after Director of Military Operations in Malaya Lieut-Gen. R. H. Bower labelled the statement "a most dangerous idea."

Chief Minister Rahman said "we are getting the best of them. They are on the run. They are in hiding." He estimated there remained no more than 2,700 terrorists and added "we must crush them or they will crush us. But I do not believe they will crush us, at least in my lifetime."

"The public must be wary," he said. "The public must not sit back." He warned the Communists would probably now turn more strongly to subversive means of undermining the country.

Visiting Thais

The Tengku disagreed with recent reports which have questioned the enthusiasm and effectiveness of Thai co-operation at the border where terrorist leader Chin Peng is believed holed up. "The Thais have been very co-operative with us. Just a month ago a Thai patrol made a daring attack on five terrorists and killed three," Abdul Rahman said.

He disclosed that he planned to take a helicopter trip to the "No Man's Land" border area next month for the purpose of "giving more momentos" to General Fred and Colonel Serm, two Thai officers participating in the joint terrorist hunt.

Questioned about recent statements from various quarters charging the Government has underestimated the number of terrorists remaining or that officials have no way of really knowing how many are left the Chief Minister said it was difficult to arrive at an exact figure "for one thing because some of the terrorists have as many as 10 aliases. But there are no more than 2,700 and I personally think no more than 2,500."

Statistics

But he flatly refused to make any predictions as to when he thought the terrorists would be wiped out or sufficiently subdued to lift emergency regulations in all parts of Malaya.

Government statistics covering the entire emergency from June 16, 1948 to the end of July, 1956, indicate that 11,772 terrorists have been killed, captured, wounded or have surrendered. Of this number 10,088 were Chinese; 679 Malay, 181 were Indians, 16 were Indonesians, 20 were Siamese, 81 aboriginies, one Japanese and 804 "others".—United Press.

Governor's Rule For E. Pakistan

Karachi, Aug. 23.

Pakistani President, Iskander Mirza, has decided to suspend parliamentary government in East Pakistan and to impose Governor's rule in the province, it was authoritatively learned today.

An official announcement to this effect is expected very shortly.

This step was taken in order to enable the Governor to certify a portion of the yearly budget, as the Provincial Assembly has not been able to vote the budget so far. It is the second time this year that parliamentary government will have been suspended in East Pakistan.

Meanwhile, Pakistan Premier, Mohamed Ali, announced today that he has called upon Abu Hussen Sarkar, Chief Minister of East Pakistan, and the leader of the United Front Party, to advise the East Pakistan Governor to call the Provincial Assembly before August 31 to express its confidence or lack of confidence in the present ministry.—France-Presse.

Encyclopedia On Buddhism In English

Tokyo, Aug. 23.

Ceylonese and Japanese Buddhist scholars will shortly start a seven-year project to compile an encyclopedia on Buddhism in English, the Kyodo News Service reported yesterday.

The joint project was proposed by Ceylon to mark the 2,500th anniversary this year of that country's founding, which is also the same anniversary of the death of Guatama Buddha.

Prof. Masahito Nagao of Kyoto University said about 300 Japanese Buddhist scholars will participate in the project. Nagao returned yesterday from Ceylon where he discussed the project with Ceylonese Government authorities.

The report said a sample of about 100 pages of the first volume of the project will be sent to Ceylon before the year-end so that it will be available there during the current Jayanti.—United Press.

They Look To Ike For Reform

San Francisco, Aug. 23.

Liberal Republicans are now looking to President Eisenhower to reform the party dogma and Mr Richard Nixon in his own image.

No one here pretends that the unanimity with which the delegates to this convention have chosen candidates and a platform that "can win" has yet ended the basic ideological division within the party between progressive liberals—backing President Eisenhower—and old guard conservatives, who support Vice-President Nixon.

The liberals have not abandoned all their criticism of Mr Nixon. But there has been a subtle change among some of the prominent liberals who brought about Mr Eisenhower's introduction to politics in 1952 and were reluctant to see Mr Nixon chosen as his running mate in 1956.

On both occasions they were influenced by the conviction that Republicans, former Democrats and independents could be mobilised behind a new "American consensus" and a programme of "new Republicanism" to keep the party in power for a generation.

Today they were emphasising the adaptability of the 43-year-old Mr Nixon and dismissing the possibility of his abandoning, under Mr Eisenhower's tutorship, the ideas of the ultra conservative group who launched him into politics in 1946.

They believe that Mr Nixon for the last four years has been a 100 per cent Eisenhower man from ambition. But they do not exclude the possibility that such a young man may now become a 100 per cent Eisenhower man from conviction.—China Mail Special.

TORNADOES HIT ILLINOIS

Chicago, Aug. 23.

Tornadoes struck two Illinois communities today, one of them a Chicago suburb, and several persons were injured.

The authorities said that the tornado at Tinley Park, about 15 miles southwest of Chicago, was accompanied by a violent wind and rain storm. The number of persons injured there was not immediately determined.

The police chief, Harold Moore, said the blast hit about six homes on the west side of the town of 4,000 persons. At Monee, Illinois, another twister struck a weighing station for trucks and lifted one of them 30 feet in the air. It tossed others around the station area. Windows in the station were blown out.

The driver of the airborne truck, whose name was not given, was badly shaken up but not otherwise injured, the authorities said.—United Press.

Trial Run Cancelled

London, Aug. 23.

The trial run of the Egyptian destroyer El Fateh, which was scheduled for today at Southampton, has been cancelled and the vessel only moved from one dock to another.

The El Fateh, a former British vessel which had been transferred to Egypt, made a first trial run three weeks ago, during which a mechanical defect was discovered.

Another Egyptian warship is also in a British shipyard.—France-Presse.

Malaya Name Change Opposed

Ipoh, Aug. 23.

Chinese and Indian opposition is expected for a proposal to change the name of Malaya to "Langkasuka."

This followed a report that the Alliance Party's Political Committee had recommended in its draft memorandum to the Reid Constitution Commission that "with the attainment of independence his country shall revert to its original name of Langkasuka."

State Committee of the Malayan Chinese Association and the Malayan Indian Congress will discuss the draft memorandum on Sunday but informed sources said the Indian and the Chinese organisations would oppose the idea.

The Alliance (Ruling Party) Political Committee's draft memorandum also called for a head of state in an independent Malaya to be known as the "Yang De Pertuan Besar" whose position will be similar to the sovereign in England.—United Press.

Washington, Aug. 23.

A State Department spokesman today officially confirmed that Saudi Arabia had tacitly authorised the United States to continue using the Dharhan air base pending a new agreement between the two countries.

The first agreement expired on July 18, but was renewed for one month. Negotiations are continuing for a second agreement, the spokesman said.—France-Presse.

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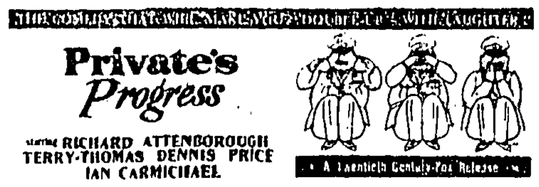

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Favourable Reaction To Suez Canal Conference

STERLING PAYMENTS CANCELLED

Cairo, Aug. 23.

At the request of the Egyptian Government, China has paid for recent cotton purchases in Swiss francs instead of in sterling, it was officially stated here tonight.

The announcement added that new arrangements had also been made for payments between Egypt and India.

The announcement said the Chinese Government deposited 20 million Swiss francs (approximately $4,675,000) with Egypt's account in Swiss banks yesterday.

Owing to the British freezing of Egyptian sterling assets, the Chinese Government had agreed to Egypt's request for payment in Swiss francs and to accept Egyptian currency for Chinese goods purchased by Egypt, the Egyptian announcement stated.

VERY RECENT

It said that the new arrangement, which replaced the former payment in sterling, was incorporated in a "very recent" amendment to the Sino-Egyptian trade and payments agreement.

The Egyptian announcement said the new arrangements with India had been concluded "in the same spirit" as a result of recent talks in Cairo between the Egyptian Finance Ministry and the Indian Ambassador in Cairo.

It had been agreed that the two countries should continue to make purchases without handing over any payment for the time being. India would eventually pay entirely in rupees, instead of paying 40 per cent in rupees and 60 per cent in sterling as under former arrangements.—France-Presse.

Cross Burned In Florida

Sarnota, Aug. 23.

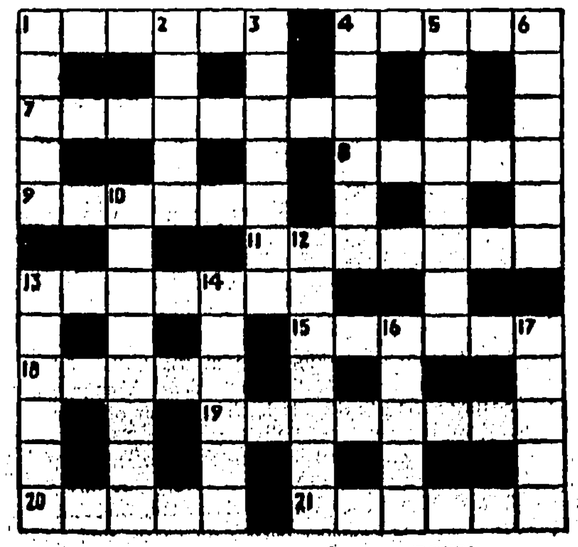
A "civic improvement association" burned a cross in a member's back yard with his approval last night while 15 men gathered to denounce Negro attempts at integration.

The member whose yard formed the meeting place, said the men staged the "event" as a "symbol of white supremacy."

The spokesman for the cross-burners said they are "anti-Negro...want to preserve segregation on beaches and schools... are opposed to violence... we are not against the Catholics and Jews, just the Negroes."

"We are very interested in merging with the KKK," he said.—United Press.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS

1 Turning-point (6).
4 Margin (5).
7 Outer (8).
8 Perfect (5).
9 Motor spirit (6).
11 Precious stone (7).
13 Cleric (7).
15 Noiseless (6).
18 Ceremonies (5).
19 Specimens (6).
20 Welcome (5).
21 Vigour (6).

DOWN

1 Inexpensive (5).
2 Guide (5).
3 Vest (7).
4 Travelling bag (6).
5 Turncoat (8).
6 Banished (6).
10 Written composition (6).
12 Communication (7).
13 Peeling (6).
14 Agree (5).
16 Fall from grace (5).
17 Irritable (5).

YESTERDAY'S CROSSWORD.—Across: 1 Scum, 4 Secured, 8 Avir, 9 Asks, 10 Pellets, 11 Chic, 12 Polo, 14 Attests, 17 Cross, 19 Acrid, 23 Totters, 26 Reds, 27 Acre, 28 Migrate, 29 Agog, 30 Ends, 31 Desert, 32 Else. Down: 2 Castor, 3 Mascot, 4 Sepia, 5 Rustic, 6 Unite, 7 Exact, 12 Part, 15 Last, 15 Sure, 16 Sick, 18 Crater, 20 Crocus, 21 Idiots, 22 Opine, 24 Twins, 25 Scent.

MENZIES' PRIVATE MISSION TO VISIT EGYPT

World reaction to the outcome of the London Suez Canal conference was good and it was generally thought that considerable progress had been made towards a settlement.

The following reactions were received from various world capitals:

WASHINGTON: American officials preparing for the next move in the Suez crisis said today there appeared to be a 50-50 chance that Egyptian President Nasser would react favourably to the emphasis on peaceful negotiation which the London conference produced.

It was considered extremely likely that President Nasser would avoid an outright rejection of the conference proposal for talks on the plan for international control of the Canal.

Damage Case

An out-of-hand rejection of the proposal would not only damage Egypt's case justifying the seizure of the Canal before world opinion, it was felt here.

It would also create a serious new situation in which Britain and France might decide again that the threat and even the use of retaliatory force was necessary to assure the continued operation of the vital waterway for international use.

American officials said that if President Nasser agreed to negotiate, the first hurdle towards settling the crisis would be made.

Unconfirmed reports here today said that the Soviet Union and India, who opposed the West's plan for international control of the Canal, were nevertheless urging President Nasser to rule out such precipitate action as refusing to consider the decision of the London conference.

The two nations were reported to believe, despite their stand in London, that the majority plan offers an opening through which Egypt might find an acceptable compromise.

Private Mission

EAST BERLIN: The East German Radio tonight termed the outcome of the conference a success because "those who advocated aggressive measures against Egypt have become silent."

It stressed that the Australian Prime Minister, Mr Robert Menzies, was going to Cairo on "a private mission."

"If supporters of the Dulles plan take it to President Nasser, this is the private affair of some delegation," the radio said.

It said another success of the conference was that it showed ways to a peaceful solution of the Suez conflict.

THE HAGUE: The Netherlands Foreign Minister, Mr Joseph Luns, told the correspondent of the Netherlands news agency in London tonight that it was "an exceedingly happy circumstance" that the majority of the Asian-African countries at the Suez conference had concurred with the Western proposals.

"It is to be hoped that the Egyptian Government, on the basis of these very reasonable proposals, which take full account of Egyptian sovereignty and interests, will see its way to co-operating in finding a solution in the proposed direction," the Dutch Foreign Minister said.

ROME: Italian quarters considered that the London conference had achieved a positive result.

They regarded the majority plan, backed by Italy, as an elastic formula capable of ultimately gaining Egyptian acceptance in later negotiations.

They thought the conference have above all served to "decontaminate" the international atmosphere.

Some Relief

They hoped that the moderation shown by Britain and France at the conference table would augur well for a peaceful settlement of the Suez Canal issue. They also hoped that Egypt, too, would show reasonableness.

BONN: West German Government officials expressed some relief tonight that the Suez conference had at least agreed to continue the path of negotiations.

They took the view that the conference might have been far worse. From the West German point of view, one of the most disagreeable aspects might have arisen if the West German delegation had been forced into open opposition to Egypt, which could have resulted in Egyptian recognition of East Germany as a measure of retaliation.

PARIS: Sources close to the French Government today expressed satisfaction at the result of the conference.

They said it showed the wish of all to settle the Canal dispute by peaceful means. The solidarity of the allies had remained entire throughout the conference, the sources said.

They added that it was satisfying that the proposals to be made to President Nasser came from a United States proposal backed by the majority of delegates to the conference rather than from France and Britain, who might be suspected of having special interests as shareholders in the Canal company.

Indian Thought

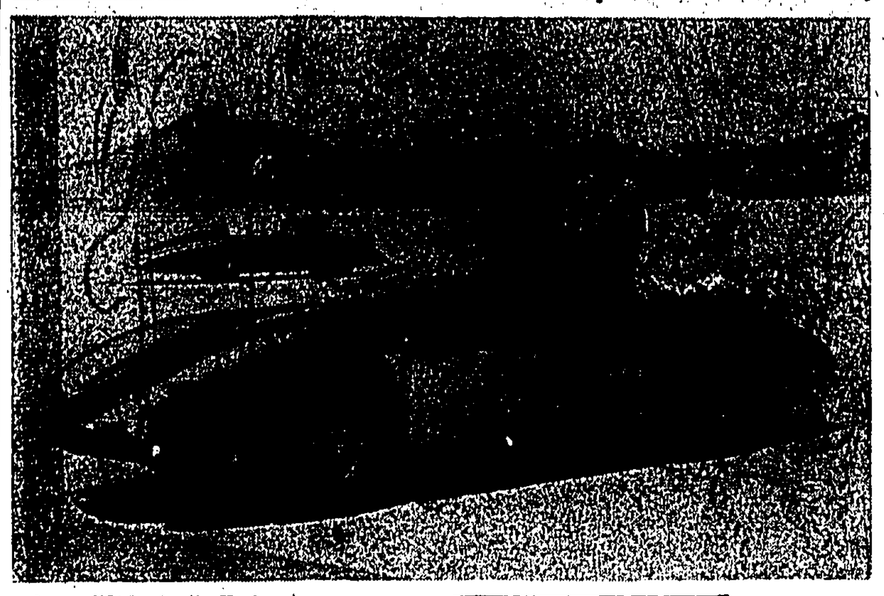
Indian delegation sources in London considered tonight that the conference had done considerable good. They thought it had stepped down tensions and it had placed the points of the crisis at the right places. It had also shown that Egyptians would have to think in practical terms, as indeed they had always indicated readiness to do.

The abandonment of the original New Zealand proposal to transmit the five-nation plan to Egypt from the conference was a very desirable outcome, they said.

Sources close to the Indian delegation also considered that it was now up to each government to make its efforts either collectively or individually to bring about a peaceful solution.

So far as India was concerned, the proposals it had made at the conference stood and they hoped that these proposals would be considered by the Egyptian Government. But what India was anxious was to have a settlement and they would welcome it on the basis of any acceptable proposals.—China Mail Special.

Records Broken



A modified Austin-Healey 100 British car driven by Mr Roy Jackson-Moore of Los Angeles, recently broke the International Class "D" and American records at Bonneville by covering 200 miles at 152.51 mph and 500 kilometres at 152.32 mph, breaking records previously set up in 1940. The car has a basic Austin-Healey 100 chassis and body, but modified slightly to adapt it as a single-seater and to improve streamlining. Pictured from left are Mr Carroll Shelby of Dallas, Tex.; Mr Jackson-Moore; and Mr Donald Healey. The record-breaking car is also pictured, and in background is another Austin-Healey, one with which another record attempt was to be attempted.—Express Photo.

Nehru Refuses To Discuss Naga Problem

New Delhi, Aug. 23.

Indian Premier Jawaharlal Nehru declared today in the Lower House that India would "refuse to discuss the Naga hill tribes."

Winding up a two-hour debate, Premier Nehru said, "while the Government of India is always prepared to consider any constructive proposals regarding the future of the Naga hills, they would refuse to discuss the independence issue."

Premier Nehru denied that the Indian Government was acting from a position of strength, and added: "If we had treated the problem as a military problem only, results would have been quite different."

WIN OVER

"The Government was treating the question as a "human problem," Mr Nehru said, and would continue to give military personnel operating in the Naga hills the strictest instructions that their primary object should be to "win over the local people."

"The whole objective before us has been to win over and not terrify them," Premier Nehru stated.—France-Presse.

Conference Delegate Injured Eye

New York, Aug. 23.

Former Postmaster General James A. Farley underwent an emergency operation today at the Manhattan Eye, Ear and Throat Hospital to correct an injury to his right eye suffered when he was struck by a score card thrown during the Democratic National Convention in Chicago last week.

Farley, now Chairman of the Coca-Cola Export Corporation, was injured unintentionally by an unknown delegate who tossed the card in a burst of enthusiasm after the nomination of Adlai E. Stevenson for President.

The impact of the blow was not at first apparent, but over the weekend, the condition of Farley's eye became so critical that surgery was recommended.

The operation was performed by Dr. John Gordon Cole, who was assisted by Dr. Grady Cole and Dr. Donald Schaffer. Farley was reported resting well after the operation.—United Press.

Kaganovitch Threw Party Card In Stalin's Face

Paris, Aug. 23.

The Paris weekly newspaper France-Dimanche said today Soviet Communist leader Mr Lazar Kaganovitch, now First Deputy Premier, threw his Communist Party card in Stalin's face on the eve of Stalin's death in 1953.

The newspaper said this happened at a meeting of the Supreme Presidium called by Kaganovitch on his own initiative.

It said its version of the events came from what Soviet writer Ilya Ehrenburg had told French existentialist Jean Paul Sartre.

At the Presidium meeting on March 1, Kaganovitch proposed a special committee to study the case of doctors arrested without proof in an alleged "doctors plot" and called for revocation of a Stalin decision on deportation of Jews.

Executed

All the members of the Presidium at the meeting approved Kaganovitch's proposals, except police chief Lamhsaauirqoyia, who was executed after Stalin's death.

Stalin lost his temper and swore at his colleagues. Anastas Mikoyan, also now a First Deputy Premier, warned him against any foolishness, adding, "If we do not leave your office freely in half an hour, the army will occupy the Kremlin."

Then Beria said he saw no objection to a special commission considering the doctors case. At this Stalin lost control completely, France-Dimanche said, his face became red and he shrieked at those present.

Kaganovitch stood up, brandishing his party card. "Look what I do with this," he said. He tore it up into small pieces and threw the pieces in Stalin's face.

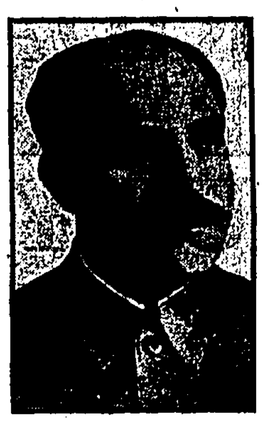
Haemorrhage

Stalin's face became purple. He reached for a bell-button to call his guards but dropped from a stroke before he could touch it.

France-Dimanche said the members of the Presidium talked all night about what to do. It was only at six the following morning that they called the doctors, who said later that Stalin had died of a brain haemorrhage.

The world learned of Stalin's death on March 5.

France-Dimanche said one theory was that some members of the Presidium had asked the doctors to kill Stalin by provoking a brain haemorrhage.—China Mail Special.



LAZAR KAGANOVITCH

MEMBERS MISSING

Rabat, Aug. 23.

The Executive Committee of the Istiqlal Party today tried for the second time to muster all its members for a Royal audience to explain the party's decision to withdraw from the Government.

The Committee was due to appear yesterday before Sultan Mohammed Ben Youssef, but some members were absent from Rabat.

Monday's decision by the Istiqlal National Council to recall all 10 Istiqlal ministers from Premier Si Bekkai's 21-member coalition cabinet has created a government crisis.—United Press.

Money For Statues Was Wasted

Seoul, Aug. 23.

The Republic of Korea's youngest legislator said today that the money used to erect expensive statues and monuments to President Syngman Rhee could have provided for more than 20,000 starving Korean families for a month.

Twenty-eight-year-old Kim Young Sam told United Press in an exclusive interview that two towering statues and at least one monument have been erected to the 81-year-old chief executive in the past year.

Kim said the money spent to build them amounted to more than 400,000 dollars, enough to feed at least 20,000 five-member families for 30 days.

There are two Rhee statues in Seoul. One, unveiled on inauguration day August 5, stands 23 feet high and took some 50,000 man days to build. The other dedicated several months ago, is about 15 feet high.

Made Minister

The young National Assemblyman said a monument gracing the President was constructed in a town some 25 miles southeast of Seoul by the former provincial governor who was appointed Minister of Home Affairs shortly after the giant marker was completed.

Kim, an outspoken member of the opposition Democratic Party said Rhee was also attempting to get the city of Seoul changed to the name Wooseom, his favourite pen name.

The name, he said, had already been given to a large building near the Capitol, and to a park in Pusan, South Korea's southernmost port city.

Kim said Rhee's actions appear to follow the "old pattern of former Argentine dictator Juan Peron.

He said the fact that the President does nothing to discourage such expensive adulation indicated that Rhee "is acting more and more like a dictator."—United Press.

Cecil The Camel Marries Today

BRIDE FROM AUSTRALIA

Miami, Aug. 23.

Cecil, the impatient bachelor camel, marries his coy bride from Australia tomorrow in an ancient desert ceremony beneath rustling coconut palms of Crandon Park Zoo.

"I don't think Cecil could wait another week," said Zoo Director Robert Mattlen.

Now eight years old, well past the age of adulthood for camels, Cecil has been fretting in his corral for more than two years. It took nearly 18 months to find his bride, Cecilia, and pay for her.

And to Cecil, she's beautiful. He had not seen a girl camel since the two humps on his back were little bigger than hairy warts.

Thousands of South Florida children and pet lovers who donated $1,700 in pennies and dimes to buy Cecilia will be on hand to see the fulfilment of Cecil's dreams.

Fitting Ceremony

It will be a fitting ceremony for one of the most publicised romances in Florida's history; Zoo officials promised. The rites will be the same ones performed by ancient Bedouins in mating their camels, even though Cecil and his wife-to-be have two humps instead of one like the Arabian desert camels.

Attendants, including a best man will be robed as Arabs. The scurling notes of mussitte, an Arabian musical instrument, will follow Cecilia's steps to her bridegroom's side.

For US-born Cecil, unacquainted with such hokus-pokus, an organist will play appropriate wedding music.

The six-year-old bride is the daughter of a prominent Central Australian camel family. The groom is the son of some American camels and is a foremost zoo attraction.

What he and his beloved will wear to the wedding is still a secret.

Guest Of Honour

After the welling, the happy pair will break open a date cake and will honeymoon at a beachside camel barn at the zoo.

Matchmaker for the affair and guest of honour at the wedding is Larry Thompson, Miami Herald writer and camel editor, who diagnosed Cecil's dejected plight as "love-sickness."

Starting with the donation of $1 from the owner of a hoot owl, the money began pouring in. Many of the coins were tossed into a pit at the zoo, presided over by "Junior", a toothy alligator designated as treasurer. There were no thefts.

Cecilia arrived from Australia on August 3 and it "was love at first sight," Thomas wrote.

"Cecil, who hadn't moved faster than a slow walk for months, perked up his head, shot up his ears, and began to gallop like a colt in clover."

Blubbery Kiss

Although Cecil, even by camel standards, is a moth-eaten, nearly hairless and big-pelled figure of a man, his auburn-haired intended soon granted him a coy, blubbery kiss through the fence that separates their stalls.

That did it.

A three-weeks' engagement was necessary for Cecil to calm his jumping nerves and Cecilia to become used to her grotesque groom.—United Press.

ANCIENT BRONZE VESSEL

Paris, Aug. 23.

An old bronze tripod 39.7 centimetres high and 39.6 centimetres in diameter has turned out to be a valuable vessel cast 2,800 years ago in the period of the Western Chou Dynasty (12th to 18th century, BC), the New China News Agency reported tonight.

It is now on exhibition among the fine bronze articles in the Palace Museum in Peking. This bronze vessel was ascertained to be a valuable relic at the academic conference of nationally famous archaeologists, which closed in Peking today, the agency said.

The inscriptions on the tripod described how the vessel was cast. This relic was sorted out from 275 bronze articles which were dumped together as scrap metal in a Shanghai warehouse, the agency added. — France-Presse.

New Atomic Industry

Ottawa, Aug. 23.

The start of a new atomic industry in Canada was foreseen today in an announcement by Atomic Energy of Canada, Ltd, that it has awarded a contract for reactor fuel rods to a private firm.

The firm is AMF (Canada) Ltd, of Toronto. It is the Canadian subsidiary of a United States company, American Machine and Foundry, Ltd.

AMF atomics, the AEC announcement said, plans to build a fuel rod plant at Port Hope, Ontario. It will not only produce uranium rods for existing reactors but will conduct a programme of research and engineering development in the reactor fuel field.

"Thus a private industry will be involved in developing new types of fuel rods for Canadian reactors and for the foreign market," AEC said. — United Press.

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ISN'T IT TIME THE ROYAL CHILDREN WENT TO SCHOOL?

By SHIRLEY LOWE

PRINCESS ANNE was six last week. In three months Prince Charles will be eight.

Still there has been no announcement from the Queen on the way her two children are to be educated.

By this time most parents have made the decision on their child's future.

But it is not a simple one for the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh. Some time ago they were discussing a private day school for Prince Charles. The project was dropped.

Perhaps they were swayed by royal protocol. Mother, aunt, grandfather, uncle, great-uncle, great-grandfather — they were all taught by tutors.

THE SCHOOLROOM

THE Queen's son will be expected to know about constitutional history when most little boys are finding out about 1066.

The Queen's daughter will be expected to make a pretty speech in fluent French, when most little girls are struggling with the pen of their aunt.

The Palace schoolroom has recently been redecorated. This may mean that the Queen and the Duke have decided that Charles and Anne should follow the same cloistered educational regime with governess Miss Catherine Peebles, as their mother and aunt followed with Crawfie.

As they grow older, a succession of tutors will teach them all that little princes and princesses should know.

It is a good training if you believe that the Heir to the Throne needs a markedly different education from his future subjects. And it is the education Charles and Anne will have if they follow the royal way of learning the three R's.

THE PATTERN

BUT does the Duke of Edinburgh believe that?

HE had an unusual schooling by English — let alone royal — standards. He was at school in France, England, and Scotland. The only way he conformed to the royal pattern was in his visit to Dartmouth Naval College.

Every recent royal heir in Britain has been to Dartmouth.

When he recently prefaced an appeal for funds for his old school, Gordonstoun (that is the Scottish one), the Duke wrote: "I hope the appeal is a success because I would like as many other boys as possible to enjoy their schooldays as much as I did."

He was a popular boy. "A born good sport," said one report. He played games like a professional, but academically he was never more than a half-hearted amateur. "He was often naughty. Never nasty," said one head master. And added: "I had to cane him more than once."

THE DUTCH

HAS a caning or two made the Duke of Edinburgh any less royal? The Dutch and Swedish royal families do not think so.

Prince Carl Gustaf, the 10-year-old heir to the Swedish throne has been at a private day school for three years. The other boys call him "Prince." And he takes his friends home for the holidays.

Will this familiarity make him any the less royal?

Princess Beatrix and Princess Irene of Holland went to local secondary and prep schools. Princess Beatrix went on to a university.

Will a university training make her any the less royal? Of course not.

The late King George VI was a sickly child. It was right for him to have a tutor.

But we have all seen the birthday picture of Princess Anne. The bright eyes, the glowing skin. Think of the pictures of sturdy, energetic Prince Charles. No sign of ill-health here. On the contrary.

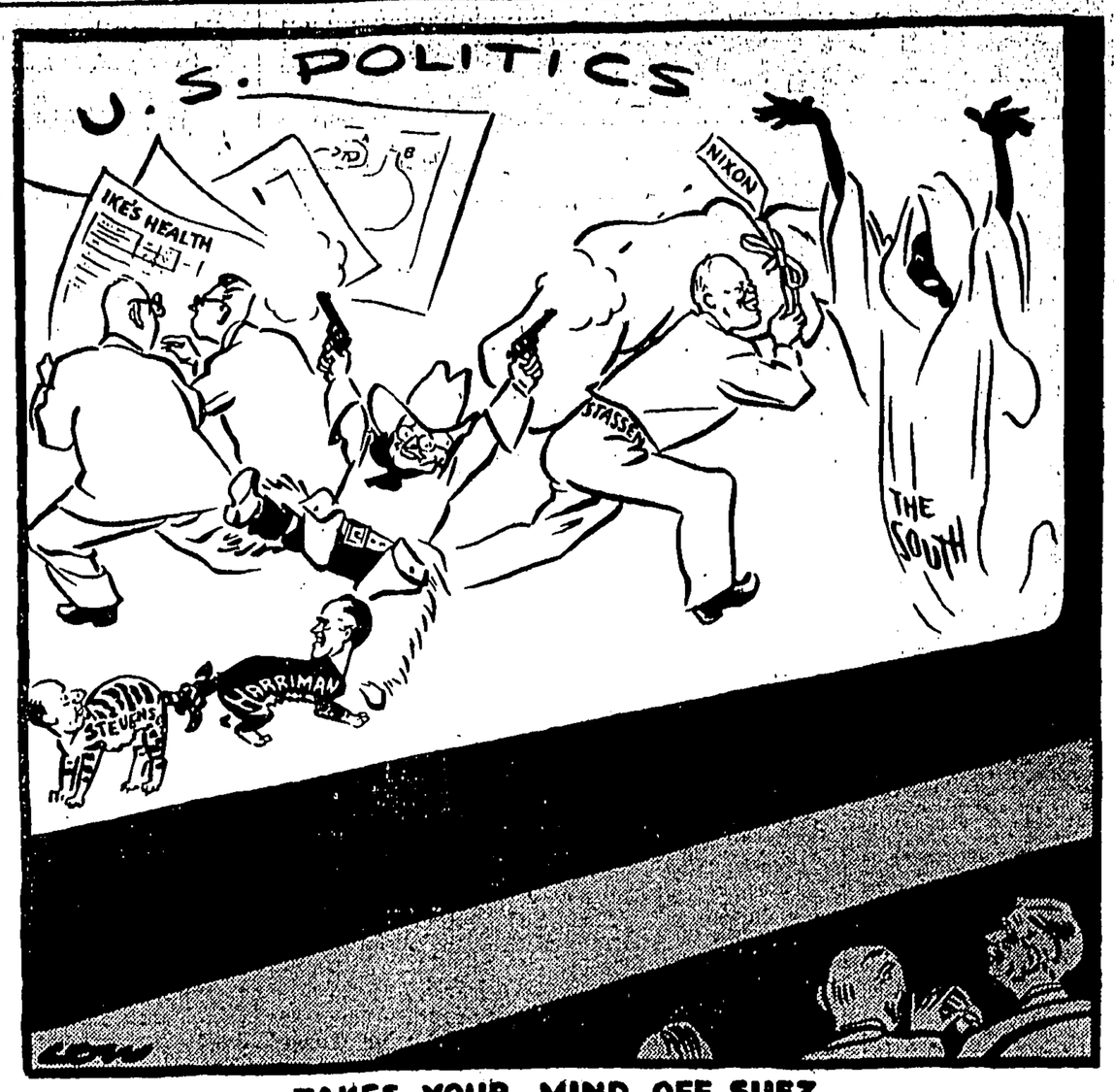
THE REPORT—

WHY should not Prince Charles and Princess Anne go to a London day school until they are 15? Then, by all means, bring on the tutors to teach them the royal necessities of life.

Why shouldn't they have a chance to enjoy their schooldays as much as their father? A chance to read on their report: "Fair. Could do better."

It is the only time in their lives that they will be treated as anyone else is.

Ever afterwards the report card of royalty is always "Brilliant — as usual."



TAKES YOUR MIND OFF SUEZ

FLORIDA IS NOT ALL BEACHES AND BEAUTY QUEENS

By JENNIFER JOHNS

A "COME To Florida!" poster — a technicolour extravaganza of palm-strung beaches and swimsuited beauty queens — was recently responsible for our 10-year-old daughter Caroline missing first place in her geography class.

The crisis came when Caroline was faced with the question: In what industry does Florida take the lead over the other 47 States in the Union?

Automatically linking Florida with the poster she had seen, our daughter answered "holidays" — and lost 10 vital points.

Today Caroline knows — and is not likely to forget — the true answer. Which is Agriculture with a capital "A."

Caroline's error was an easy enough one, for Florida is indeed famous throughout the world for its mild weather, its balmy breezes, its beaches — and its beauty queens. In the past few decades, however, the State has moved up to take a more serious position in America's economics. It has, in fact, become recognised as a land of astonishingly rich agricultural opportunities.

Greater Strides

MORE than that—recently the State has made greater strides in agricultural development than any other State in America until today its crops actually rival in money value the superlatively rich "Corn Belt" States of the Mid-West.

Today Florida boasts 57 different major crops as well as recognition as one of the leading livestock producing States.

This southernmost of the United States is, geographically speaking, mainly a peninsula separating the Gulf of Mexico from the Atlantic Ocean. Agriculturally speaking, its sandy soil is less fertile, on the average, than in some other States, but the adaptability of this soil for the type of crops generally grown has made the value of these crops, on a per acre basis, well above the national average.

This latter fact is due primarily to enlightened agriculture, which makes heavy use of commercial fertilisers and allows Florida farmers a wide range of crop selections and production for an out-of-season, high-price market.

Today, using the very latest in scientific farming methods, Florida is highly organised to help the farmer—and the Florida farmer has become well organised to help himself.

Farmer's Markets

THE Florida State Department of Agriculture has encouraged co-operative organisations and, with the University of Florida's College of Agriculture, has aided groups of farmers to set up successful supply, processing and marketing organisations.

At the same time, Florida leads the way in co-ordinating the efforts of the existing State and federal agencies which offer help to the farmer in the solution of his problems. It offers dependable information on every phase of Florida farming, every foreseen possibility for its future, and boasts the finest system of farmers' markets in the United States—a State-operated and co-ordinated system.

As for the finance side of Florida's agriculture, three crops reap Florida farmers more than £6,000,000 a year, ten more produce £3,000,000 to 8,000,000, 17 more individual products bring more than £1,500,000 each year to growers, and another 27 account for over £300,000 each.

While it is true that the above figures are still topped by several States, all such States were, however, major producers when Florida's agriculture was inconsequential. What is more, these States, older agriculturally than Florida, are being far outstripped by Florida in the rate of increase in the productive value of farm products.

Largest Producer

INCLUDED in Florida's 10 top products (besides beauty queens) are oranges, grapefruit and other citrus fruits. In these Florida is now the world's largest producer, turning out more oranges and grapefruit than any other State in America or any other country in the world. Apart from this record, Florida has also taken the lead in growing fresh vegetables for winter use.

Tobacco, potatoes, snap beans, maize, celery, watermelons and cucumbers join with oranges and grapefruit among its top 10 products. Early crops of these command the U.S. market in the winter and spring because they mature weeks or months in advance of similar crops elsewhere.

To capitalise on this new-found winter and early spring national market for fresh vegetables (made possible by highly efficient rail, road and air refrigerated transport) the University of Florida's agricultural experimental station is erecting a new vegetable laboratory, bordering the Big Cypress Swamp in southwestern Florida.

Research at Immokalee will include vegetable test plantings, fertiliser tests, insect control methods and other widely varied experimental work.

Meanwhile, returns from citrus fruits and citrus fruit products still head the list of Florida's agricultural enterprises with an annual income to producers of more than £60,000,000. Last season (a "bad year") Florida's production, nevertheless, led the world with 129,000,000 boxes of citrus fruit, or more than one-third of the world's total citrus crop.

In all of this new Florida story, it is, of course, essential not to forget the help given by Florida's weather.

Mild Climate

THE growth of the vegetable industry, for example (this industry brought in more than £50,000,000 to Florida producers last year), is a direct result of an all-year-round mild climate. Rainfall in all areas of the State generally averages some 53 inches a year and is seldom less than 48 inches. Winter temperatures average 59 degrees, while the hottest months of the year (July and August) average 81 degrees.

These favourable conditions, along with modern transportation methods, allow Florida's early crops to reach national markets, when other fresh vegetables are scarce, when the demand is heavy and when prices are most profitable. In most areas of the State, in fact, more than one crop can be produced in a year.

Finally, just to run through some of the rest of Florida's money-making products, the list includes avocado pears, pineapples, grapes, tomatoes, watermelons, tobacco, peanuts, cotton, honey and flowers—not to mention a smattering of prosperous sidelines such as dairy products, beef cattle, horses, sheep and Florida turkeys.

Come to think of it, the more I ponder on this remarkable agricultural wonderland the less am I surprised that Caroline lost those 10 vital points by rating beauty and the beach as Florida's most up-and-coming industry.

As one Florida farmer whom I spoke to in Washington commented: "I reckon dames are OK for scenery, but give me an acre of Florida farmland any day. You can make a profit on that!"

A WOMAN IN NASSER-LAND HAS TO ARGUE

—IF SHE HAS A MIND OF HER OWN ABOUT SUEZ

by ANNE SHARPLEY

WHEN after being here two days an Egyptian tried to play a naive but particularly nasty trick on me my first reaction was—whatever made him think he could get away with it?

Somehow that reaction has kept being useful. For what made Nasser in the first place think he could get away with it?

The answer is that the Egyptians in general have a very exaggerated idea of their own cleverness. It is this that is misleading them into headstrong action that can only end in humiliation for the young Egyptian ego. For if we think of Egypt as a young country we are getting nearer to the true Egypt than if we allow our image to be cluttered up with pyramids and sphinxes.

INTENSE DELIGHT

The bouncing self-confidence of Egypt and her intense delight at stirring up so much international mud is something that hits every visiting foreigner. "We are a very modern nation. You will see more new cars in Cairo than you will in London," I was told by an arrogant young Egyptian.

"Oh, really, what have you invented?" I asked. He could not answer.

In arguments—and, as every Egyptian one meets starts to lecture you, arguments are sometimes impossible to avoid—one cannot make any headway with the view that just because the Suez is on Egyptian territory it is not automatically hers.

No—they have one simple premise and they are sticking to it. The canal is in Egypt so, ipso facto, it is Egyptian, despite the fact that in three minutes they are telling you something that completely condemns them as a stable efficient people.

"This corniche," I was told as we stood on the quite dazzling sweep of road that goes along the sea front of Alexandria, "it cost one million pounds, but another million went into the pocket of the Prime Minister of the time."

"Was not action taken against him?" I asked.

"Oh, no, that is just Egyptian politics. We know these things go on but do nothing."

This assertion may be true or untrue, but the very fact that any Egyptian will relate tales of Government corruption at the drop of a fez indicates a basic attitude towards the serious job of governing that Colonel Nasser, for all his present power, cannot eradicate.

Anomalies and contrasts that glare at the foreigner are simply not apparent to the Egyptian. For a country where three-quarters of the people live in deplorable conditions, there seems to be nothing wrong, for instance, in Colonel Nasser spending a million or so on some fancy little pedestrian tunnels under the road at Alexandria and on a motor tunnel at Heliopolis when a few traffic regulations would serve just as well—if they could ever get Egyptian drivers to observe traffic regulations.

COLOSSAL COST

The costliness of the decorations (still up) to celebrate the departure of British troops from Suez would have created such a howl in Britain that the decorations would have fallen down of their own accord.

Nasser's first act in monumentalism — dragging an enormous statue of Rameses II from a distant village and setting it up, with a handsome floodlit pool at its feet, in Cairo's station square at colossal cost — is not unhumorously commented on by Egyptians.

"He did it because he looks like Rameses and he still doesn't have the nerve to put up his own statue yet," I was told.

Nevertheless, it was a curious bit of spending in a country which groans for slum clearance. Although the disproportionate system of land ownership has been to some extent amended, any Egyptian will tell you that very little has been done in the way of real improvement of conditions, except in the centres where it is most observed by foreigners.

Walking through Egyptian villages in the so-called prosperous region, I had to remind myself of the trimness and neatness of villages in North Nigeria to be convinced that all mud-built Moslem villages did not have to be as fetid and revolting as these.

I am not blaming Egypt for being poor—but I am blaming her for deceiving herself over these important matters. Similarly, the fact that they have a hundred jet aeroplanes (although by no means enough pilots to fly them) and an army that was knocked for six by Israel on their first big engagement deludes them into believing that they are a strongly armed nation.

There is an odd unselfishness about the Egyptian. He loves to see money spent in a big way. So when Nasser opens an autobahn costing four million, to the glory mostly of the tourist, as it is not a particularly essential road, nobody says that the money could have been better spent. Similarly they are quite unrancorous about the fabulous spending of Farouk. They delight in showing you his palaces, which are numerous and rather ridiculous.

EFFICIENT?

They love to tell you how much Nasser spends. In fact, he was practically unpopular for living in a simple little house which had only two bedrooms until the rapid growth of his five children indicated a need for a small extension.

Individual Egyptians have great charm and hospitality and an engaging sense of humour at their own expense, which is quite the most attractive thing about them.

But if you ask me are the Egyptians efficient enough to run a great enterprise, like the canal, I can only say those Europeans who have lived here confirm my impression that they don't seem able to operate a switchboard, let alone a canal, properly.

Are they sincere? I will quote you what one Egyptian in authority told me confidentially: "We like to change things every few months. We get tired of our politicians and leaders very quickly. We like excitement and change."

And if you ask me are they the right people to have their hand on the world's most vital waterway, I will say—NO. They are bargain-minded, inefficient and unstable and their leader is a dangerous man.

IT ISN'T ALWAYS THIRST THAT MAKES YOU THIRSTY...

Medical Reporter CHAPMAN PINCHER, back from listening to the world's top 2,000 doctors in congress in Brussels, reports on three more traditionally puzzling questions.

1 Do some people drink heavily because they were born thirstier than others?

Doctors have found there is a "drink centre" in the brain which controls thirst. If this mechanism is unduly stimulated excessive drinking results.

Experiments in which the "drink centre" of a goat was painlessly stimulated by weak electric currents have been carried out by Dr Andersson in Sweden.

Within five seconds the goat began to drink and kept on until it had swallowed 40 per-cent of its own body weight of water. It became intoxicated because the water diluted the blood.

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As soon as the electric stimulation was switched off the goat stopped drinking.

So in humans a defect in the "drink centre"—caused by illness or injury — may explain those compulsive drinkers who swallow enormous quantities of beer.

Normally, the "drink centre" works by being sensitive to loss of water from the blood. When the tissues have lost only two per-cent of their water the "drink centre" sends out nervous messages which create a dry mouth, parched throat and other sensations of thirst.

2 Why do so many people put on weight when they give up smoking?

The nicotine in tobacco smoke may damp down appetite, but doctors now believe the fattening effect is mainly psychological.

Their argument: Food is one of the most effective sedatives known. A full stomach brings relief from mental troubles because, like alcohol, it dulls the senses and takes the edge off irritability.

So many people who give up smoking eat more to get the solace they previously got from tobacco.

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Undoubtedly the general anxiety of modern living, which tobacco helps to counter, is making many people overweight.

Case-records show that whereas some women go into a decline when they go through an emotional crisis, others run to fat. The mental conflict upsets the appetite-regulating mechanism in the brain, and they remain permanently hungry.

Some men who secretly regard themselves as failures are believed to be affected in the same way.

The doctors suggest that these findings answer question number—

3 Why are more people growing fat in an age of increasing worry when worry is believed to make you thin?

Answer—It is simply that the fashion these days is to drown sorrows in food instead of in drink.

DID YOU KNOW?

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This Funny World

"Would grandmother be terribly crushed if I didn't get married in her wedding dress?"

• BY • THE • WAY •

by Beachcomber

CHARLIE SUET has an Egg Scheme. He suggests that the preparatory sorting, shuffling, and grading should be done by a committee, working in conjunction with the Checking Committee, which would be in frequent consultation with the representatives of the packers, loaders, and unloaders in each scheduled regional egg-zoning area.

Every sub-area would have a committee of stampers and markers, who would act in a purely advisory capacity. The dating of the eggs would be left to the retailers, who would be instructed by the nearest zonal distribution centre to use their discretion.

State hostels for contortionists?

DEAR SIR,

At a time when the tourist trade is so lamentably short of hotel accommodation for visitors, is it not a slur on our British way of life that a bedroom should be booked by a man whose sole purpose appears to have been to dirty a pillow with his boots, rather than follow the normal course of civilised behaviour? There should be State hostels for contortionists, where they can indulge their whims without inconveniencing the public.

Yours faithfully,
Eva de Goot

Down but not out

THE following lines, discovered on a sherry-stained table in a bar, were scrawled by Captain Foulenough in a gloomy mood:

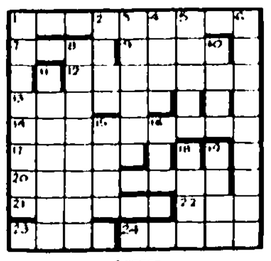
Oh you who pity the poor fox,
And curse the local hunt,
Here's one who takes the hardest knocks,
And shows a stubborn front.

Come, spare an honest tear or two,
Think of him now and then,
And curse the local bailiffs who
Hunt not the fox, but men.

In passing

A CONCEITED remark made recently by a pompous actor reminded me of the man who was to appear in one of Barrie's plays, and insisted on having "And" before his name on the posters. "Why not 'But'?" said Barrie.

CROSSWORD

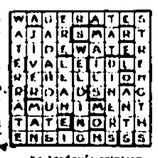


Across

1. Is this, do you think, a Hollywood arena for starlets? (5, 4)
7. Sun rises to this. (4)
9. River slippers. (4)
12. Is he a man who breeds collies? (7)
13. Unnecessary advice to a man holding a hot poker. (4, 2)
14. With an apprentice this word makes muslin. (9)
17. Often followed by a bitter? (5)
20. Countries of Faerie. (8)
21. Sexless. (8)
22. Give it when you listen. (3)
23. Bone this for a lazy fellow. (4)
24. R.A.F. news for us? (5)

Down

1. They profit by your planting. (8)
2. At the apex. (4)
3. About the falsehoods. (8)
4. This holds things up. (4)
5. Miss Grove? (8)
6. They can be had from 1 Down. (9)
8. Cooling the acid? (8)
10. Prophet. (4)
11. Boiled—with something added. (7)
15. He's a man, on occasion, of twilight. (4)
16. Hurried. (8)
18. Dean makes an old coaling port. (4)
19. A Biblical character from the saucer. (4)



Yesterday's solution

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

FRIDAY, AUGUST 24

BORN on this first day of the new sign, Virgo, you are ruled by Mercury, the God of Knowledge and are inclined to be helpful to others although sometimes too critical of another's motivation. You are apt to look on the dark side of things at first and should cultivate more self-reliance and assurance in your own capabilities. You have vaunting ambitions but are a chronic worrier and always feel that you never will make the mark you have set as your goal.

You have the gift of the spoken and written word and are likely to be the life of any party. You have a contagious wit and are able to make everyone as gay and lighthearted as you appear to be on the surface. No matter how tough things may be going, you will always put up a bright front and there are very few who actually know the inner workings of your thoughts which you keep pretty much to yourself.

All of the expressive arts are open to you and you would be wasting a fine talent if you were to divert your energies into any other field. You probably will be a good money-maker and appear to be quite shrewd when it comes to business and finance. But your heart will not be in it, and you will be happier if your career is in some field connected with the artistic pursuits. You might make a good producer or manager.

Among those born on this date are: Max Beerbohm, cartoonist; Walter Prichard Eaton, critic; William A. Proctor, manufacturer; Willy Pogany, illustrator; Robert McBride, publisher; King Ferdinand I of Rumania; and Theodore Parker, reformer.

To find what the stars have in store for you tomorrow, select your birthday star and read the correspondent paragraph. Let your birthday star be your daily guide.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25

VIRGO (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—You may need to take care of business and financial obligations promptly today. Keep your credit sound!

LIBRA (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—This can be a romantic day. Get out and mix with friends and neighbours in your community.

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—A good time to take special care of your health. See to it that you don't undertake too many social obligations.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—If your ambitions are kept high, then you may be able to reach your objective at this time.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—Follow your intuitions today in making plans for the immediate future, either at home or in business.

AQUARIUS (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—If you appear restless and irritable today, it is probably a sign that you need to relax tensions and rest.

PISCES (Feb. 20-Mar. 21)—Make plans for your future romantic happiness, but keep in mind your business planning in a marriage is important, too.

ARIES (Mar. 22-Apr. 20)—You may indulge in your favourite outdoor sports today. This should relax tensions and improve your general health.

TAURUS (Apr. 21-May, 21)—Make this a pleasurable week-end, with special attention on co-operative endeavours. An outdoor picnic?

GEMINI (May 22-June 21)—Slow down a little if you have been going faster than usual. Take time out for some relaxing sunbathing.

CANCER (June 22-July 23)—Don't plan too much for today. Let someone else play host or hostess! You've been doing your share lately.

LEO (July 24-Aug. 23)—There may be a few important matters at home which need attention this morning. Then you can enjoy yourself.

• JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Declarer Errs On First Lead

By OSWALD JACOBY

HOW could South go down at four spades in today's hand? One careless play, of the kind that almost anybody might make, was enough to cost declarer game and rubber.

South won the first trick with the king of hearts and led the queen of spades for a finesse. West discarded the seven of diamonds, and South saw that the finesse was not going to succeed.

Declarer saw no reason to take a losing finesse, so put up dummy's ace of spades to win the second trick. Then he returned a spade from dummy.

Have you seen the mistake? If not, look again.

South sealed his doom when he played the ace of spades from dummy at the second trick. East took the next trump trick with the king, cashed the king of diamonds, and led a diamond to his partner's ace.

NORTH 25
♠ A 8 7 3 2
♥ Q 6
♦ 6 3
♣ A Q 8 6

WEST	EAST
♠ None	♠ K 9 5
♥ J 10 9 5 2	♥ 8 7 4 3
♦ A 10 9 7 4	♦ K 8
♣ J 3 2	♣ 10 9 7 5

SOUTH (D)
♠ Q J 10 6 4
♥ A K
♦ Q J 5 2
♣ K 4

North-South vul

South	West	North	East
1 ♠	Pass	3 ♠	Pass
4 ♠	Pass	Pass	Pass

Opening lead ♥ J

West led a third diamond, and East was able to over-ruff dummy with the nine of spades, thus taking the setting trick.

The correct play is to let the queen of spades ride at the second trick, giving East the king of spades at once. Dummy's ace of spades can then be used to ruff the third round of diamonds, after which declarer can draw trumps and claim the rest.

CARD Sense

Q—At rubber bridge, neither side vulnerable, the bidding has been:

West	North	East	South
1 Heart	Pass	Pass	?

You, South, hold:
♠A 3 2 ♥K 9 7 5 ♦5 ♣K Q J 7 3
What do you do?

A—Pass. Since North is probably short in hearts, his pass indicates weakness rather than a wish to trap the opening bidder. If North is weak, you will do better on defence than on offence.

TODAY'S QUESTION

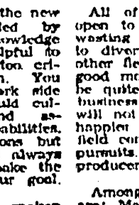
The bidding has been:

North	East	South	West
1 Club	Pass	1 Heart	Pass
2 Clubs	Pass	?	

You, South, hold:
♠J 9 3 ♥K 9 7 5 2 ♦Q 10 8 6 ♣8
What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

TARGET



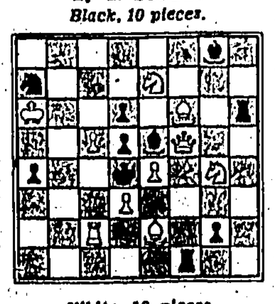
HOW many words of four letters or more can you make from the letters in the square on the left? In making each word, the letters in each of the small squares may be used once only. Each word *must* contain the large letter in the centre square, and there *must* be at least one nine-letter word in the list. No plurals; no foreign words; no proper names. TODAY'S TARGET: 29 words, good; 34 words, very good; 40 words, excellent. Solution tomorrow.

YESTERDAY'S SOLUTION: Accept aspect calp cape case cast caste castle cease cell clap clasp cleat elect epact escape lace lacet pace pact peace place scale scalp scape seal select space SPECTACLE tale.

CHESS PROBLEM

By L. SCOTTI

Black, 10 pieces.



White, 10 pieces.
White to play: mate in two.

Solution to yesterday's problem:

1, Q—Kt3, any; 2, Q, Kt (ch, or dis ch), or P mates.

WOMANSENSE

Hartnell Ball Gown

From the new collection of British dress designer Norman Hartnell is "Emerald", a green velvet ball gown with white draped top and embroidered with diamond paillettes. The white fox wrap completes the ensemble.—Express Photo.

Two Aids To Success

By ANNE HEYWOOD

THERE is a proverb to the effect that we must "Work as if prayer accomplished nothing and pray as if work accomplished nothing." It's a wonderful combination, if a little difficult to put into effect.

The perfect person I know have that happy combination of hard work, on the one hand, and abiding faith on the other. The failures are usually the people who put all the emphasis on one or the other, eliminating one.

Mrs H makes that mistake. She thinks faith is the whole thing and doesn't feel the need to lift a finger herself.

Needs Money

She prays for money which she badly needs and is convinced if she just prays enough, God will write her a big cheque. Mrs H has been doing this for years. But it has never occurred to her that she might give God a hand and do a little work.

Miss J is making the same mistake by the other way—she puts all the emphasis on work. She works harder than any three people, and never gives herself a moment's peace. You would think she is responsible for the whole wide world.

Works Hard

She works hard in her office and can't ever delegate anything. She brings work home and works far into the night. She's sure that things are going to go wrong if she isn't in there doing every single bit of the work herself.

If Fate, Life or God wanted to move in and give her some help, her door would be closed. Her free time, such as it is, is spent not in prayer or contemplation, but in worry.

If your life leaves a lot to be desired, see if you can't begin to operate it wisely. Do everything you do the best you know how and then relax and have faith that things will work out well.

The lucky breaks that your envied friends get have come because those friends were in there co-operating with Life and Life returned the compliment!

"Paper" Is The Latest In Fabric World

New York.

DON'T be surprised if any day now, one of the neighbours says, "Well, I think I'll go paper myself a new dress."

For paper is the latest material to enter the fashion world.

And one designing consultant foresees the day when a woman can buy—or make—a fashionable dress for $3 to $5, wear it one, two or three times and toss it into the wastepaper basket.

The material, basically paper combined with rayon, nylon or other fibres, is the development of Kimberly-Clark, the manufacturers who launched the paper handkerchief in 1924. The company says the material is as flexible as a natural or synthetic fabric.

DRAPES WELL

Vera de Give, the veteran design consultant who pioneered its use in clothes, said the material has the feel of fabric and drapes or takes folds well.

"I've had clothing manufacturers here who couldn't tell the difference between a paper dress and a similar style in cloth," she said.

Miss de Give first used the material four years ago for the Atomic Energy Commission, which wanted a disposable but comfortable coverall for industrial workers.

Recently, she made a sequinned evening dress for an actress' appearance on a television show. The dress cost $4.

"In fine fabric, the same dress would have cost $125," she said.

The company hasn't dreamed up any fancy name for the material. It's still known by its laboratory name—"K-2000."

ANY WEIGHT

A spokesman said the material can be dyed or printed, and can be made up any weight from cheesecloth lightness to the bulk of tweed. It can be washable—depending on how much wet strength the maker builds into it. It can be pinned, stitched and cut much the same as any other clothing material.

The process of making it is a patented and complicated one, but a spokesman for the company said it consisted basically of "sealing" or "laminating" two sheets of paper on each side of a pressed web of rayon or other fibre.

The material still is in limited supply, but Miss de Give said: "I expect to see the time when a woman can buy a fashionable dress for a mere nothing and throw it away after wearing. I doubt that K-2000 will show much in couturier lines....but it many revolutionise the low-priced field."—United Press

For sportswear, Marie-Christiane of Paris presents this hat modelled on a huntsman's cap. Of red velour with satin finish, it is decorated with a dotted veil just covering the eyes. —Agence France-Presse.

SOMETHING NEW IN SWEETS

By ALICE DENHOFF

AT the next special luncheon or engagement shower, serve a surprise package sweet. Each "package" takes 4 graham crackers to make.

Spread 3 crackers with a thin layer of pineapple filling and a layer of whipped cream and carefully stack one on top of the other. Top with fourth cracker, spread only with the filling.

Frost sides of the package with whipped cream and make a "bow" of whipped cream on top with a pastry tube.

Delicious Filling

To prepare the delicious filling, mix thoroughly in a saucepan, ¾ c. sugar, 2½ tbsp. cornstarch and ⅛ tsp. salt.

Combine 2 tbsp. lemon juice, tsp. grated rind and 2/3 c. drained, unsweetened pineapple juice.

Add slowly to cornstarch mixture, stirring constantly. Add 2 tbsp. butter.

Cook until clear and thick, stirring constantly. Remove from heat.

Add a little of the mixture to 3 egg yolks beaten slightly. Mix well. Combine with remaining hot mixture. Cool.

For something unusually delicious, make your favourite jelly roll recipe and spread with a coffee cream filling.

Combine and mix 2/3 c. light brown sugar, firmly packed with ¼ tsp. salt and 1/3 c. flour, mixing well.

Add 2 slightly beaten eggs. Scald 1 c. milk with 1 c. double strength, freshly-made coffee.

Add to egg mixture and cook over boiling water 5 min., stirring constantly. Then cook 10 min. longer, stirring occasionally. Remove from heat.

Add 2 tbsp. butter and one tsp. vanilla.

For a less rich but equally pleasing and different jelly roll filling, take ½ c. from ¼ c. orange juice and add to one slightly beaten egg yolk.

Add ½ c. sugar and 3 tbsp. cornstarch, mixing thoroughly. Heat remaining orange juice in top part of double boiler.

Add to egg mixture, then return to double boiler. Cook, stirring constantly until thickened, then cook, covered, 5 min. longer. Remove from heat.

Add 2 tbsp. butter and a little salt. Cool.

EMBROIDERED SHEATH

"Spotted Mustard", a new creation of Norman Hartnell, has a boat neckline and pencil-slim skirt. Embroidered with tan sequins, it has a plain cummerbund of the same material which drapes into a large bow.—Express Photo.

BOYS' AND GIRLS' MAGAZINE

A Star In Her Teacup

—What Happened to Katybelle After She Found It—

By MAX TRELL

HANID, the shadow girl with the turned-about name, came up to the chair where Mr Punch was taking a nap.

"Mr Punch," she said.

Mr Punch hardly stirred.

"Mr Punch!" Hanid said in a louder voice.

This time Mr Punch opened his eyes and sat up.

"Ah!" he said. "It's you, my dear."

"I'm sorry I had to wake you up," said Hanid, "but I'd like to know something."

Mr Punch smiled and said: "If there's anything I can tell you, I'd be glad to do so."

Falling Star

"Well," said Hanid, "this is what I'd like to know. Last night, after it was dark, just as I was getting ready to go to bed, I looked out of the window. I saw a falling star. Now what I'd like to know is, what happens to falling stars after they fall?"

"Well, well, well," said Mr Punch.

He was fully awake now. He thought for a minute or two, then he said: "Most of them turn to dust, though now and then one of them manages to land somewhere. But that reminds me. My Aunt Katybelle once caught a falling star in her teacup."

"In her teacup!" Hanid exclaimed in amazement.

Mr Punch smiled and lit his pipe.

"You see, she was sitting out in the garden having her tea late one night—"

"People don't usually have tea late at night out in their garden, do they, Mr Punch?" Hanid interrupted. "You must have made that part up."

"Not at all, my dear, not at all. My Aunt always had her tea out in the garden late at night. She thought it strange for anyone to have tea any other place. But let me get on with the story.

"She was having her tea," Mr Punch continued, "when all at once, on glancing up at the stars in the sky, she noticed one of them falling. Suddenly she heard a little splash!"

"My goodness," said Hanid, "where was it?"

"In her teacup," said Mr Punch, "shining brightly. And it was no larger than the head of a pin."

"Is that how big stars are?" Hanid asked.

Mr Punch answered: "That's how big this one was. You can't imagine how pleased my Aunt was to have a star in her teacup. She sat back in her chair admiring the little shining light at the bottom of her cup, and thinking of all the different things she could do with it. She thought of how beautiful it would look in a lamp on her bedroom table, or in a ring, or in her hair, or on a dress, or best of all, at the top of the tree on Christmas Eve!"

"And what," asked Hanid, "did your Aunt finally decide to do with the star?"

In The Sky

Mr Punch, who seemed to be waiting for this question, smiled: "She finally decided that the best and only place for a star to be was up in the sky. So she drank down the tea and went directly to bed, leaving the teacup standing out in the garden.

The Star was shining brightly in Katybelle's teacup.

"The next morning," continued Mr Punch, "when my Aunt looked in the teacup, the star was gone. 'It flew back up into the sky,' my Aunt said happily."

"And do you think it did?" said Hanid.

Mr Punch shook his head. "I've never really believed it did," he said. "Because from that day on there was a light in my Aunt's eyes that I had never seen before. I'm not saying she made a mistake to drink down that tea with the star in it. I'm not saying that the starlight was in her eyes. I'm just saying that I've always doubted whether it really got back in the sky again."

And Mr Punch winked his own eye, knocked the tobacco out of his pipe and made himself ready to doze off once more.

Rupert and the Fire Bird—44

Almost as Pong-Ping speaks the door is unlocked and swings open, revealing a bird smaller than the last. "Come, I am bidden to take you back to the King's presence without delay," he says. "Oh, what is he going to do to us? Must we go?" Pong-Ping sounds very frightened. "How dare you ask questions when you are summoned by our King?" screeches the bird sharply. "Be silent and come with me!" It turns and flies down more corridors and Rupert follows with the little Peke trailing nervously behind.

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HOUSEHOLD HINTS

When cleaning steel knives, add a little bicarbonate of soda (baking soda) to the cleaning powder. This helps to remove stains.

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The side of a pastry board used for rolling (or kneading dough should never be used for cutting or any other purpose that will damage its smooth surface.

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Do not leave such a board soaking in water, for moisture will raise the grain of the wood and roughen the board.

FIFTH AND FINAL TEST

DENIS COMPTON HERO OF THE DAY; JUST SIX SHORT OF A CENTURY

London, Aug. 23.

With fortunes fluctuating, a crowd of 25,000 was kept enthralled on the first day of the fifth and final Test match between England and Australia today at the Oval. The day ended with England in the fairly comfortable position of 223 runs for seven wickets, with captain Peter May's wicket still to fall.

The proceedings started badly for Australia with Ian Johnson losing the toss for the fourth time in the series. But Australia quickly counteracted this misfortune by taking Cowdrey's wicket in the first over.

Then 20 minutes of rain helped to take any venom there might be out of the pitch. Despite losing Sheppard's wicket with the score at 53, England fought back to take lunch with the score at 84 for two.

Australia swung the match back in her favour immediately after lunch, capturing Richardson's wicket for the loss of 66 runs.

It was then that Denis Compton made his triumphant return to Test cricket and in a great stand with May pulled the game round to England.

The pair added 156 runs before Compton had the misfortune to lose his wicket when only six short of his century.

Then England experienced collapsed, losing three wickets for the addition of only one run in the last 15 minutes.

NEXT TO GO

Lock, who was again sent in as night watchman was the next to go, being caught off Archer by Langley before he had scored.

The batting then reverted to its intended order with Washbrook coming in. But the veteran who had made such a great comeback at Headingley also fell victim to Archer without addition to the scoreboard. Archer missed the hat trick by one run, May scoring before he got Washbrook leg before.

Another wicket, that of Evans, was to fall before the close, the wicket-keeper being caught before to Miller, also for a duck. Thus the score had gone from 222 for three to 223 for seven in a quarter of an hour, and Australia was back in the game.

The hero of the day was undoubtedly Denis Compton. Elated by his selection for the winter tour of South Africa and by the tremendous ovation he was given by the crowd as he walked to the wicket, he responded with a brilliant innings.

Playing in his old carefree style and making many of his brilliant sweeps to leg, he made his best score for England against Australia for eight years. His 145 at Manchester in 1948 was his previous best.

HIS GREAT WORTH

Compton was ably supported by May, although the England captain was rather subdued by the brilliant Compton. However, the captain again proved his great worth to his team when things looked black. May's average in the Test series is in the eighties and his lowest score has been 43.

For the Oval these days, 200 is not a score to be sneezed at, so England cannot be said to be in difficulties.

If Laker, Tyson and Statham can hold up an end while May scores at the other tomorrow morning, England might set the Aussies a difficult target, especially with rain threatening to change the character of a pitch which gave the six Australian bowlers little encouragement today.

Only Archer with his three wickets in seven balls and Langley, with three more catches, took the limelight on the Australian side today.

THE SCOREBOARD

England—1st innings

Richardson, c Langley, b Miller	37
Cowdrey, c Langley, b Lindwall	0
Sheppard, c Archer, b Miller	24
P. May, not out	67
Compton, c Davidson, b Archer	94
Lock, c Langley, b Archer	0
Washbrook, lbw, Archer	0
Evans, lbw, Miller	0
Laker, not out	0
Extras	1
Total (for 7 wickets)	223

Fall of wickets: 1-1, 2-53, 3-66, 4-222, 5-222, 6-222, 7-223.

Bowling

	O	M	R	W
Lindwall	18	5	36	1
Miller	35	7	79	3
Davidson	5	1	16	0
Archer	24	6	42	3
Johnson	9	2	28	0
Benaud	9	2	21	0

—France-Presse.

HE DIGS THE GARDEN NOW

Miner Dai Dower, watched by his wife, Evelyn, digs a flower bed in the garden of his new home in Bournemouth.

How Dower, The Idol, Lost Their Sympathy

By PETER MOSS

So Dai Dower is awaiting his call-up papers for the Army. And his own workmates have sent him there.

A year or so ago, when he was winning the British, Empire, and European flyweight boxing titles, there would have been a public outcry in Wales at the thought of little Dai wasting his time square-bashing.

His townsfolk would have petitioned Parliament. Now the feeling is "He's been lucky to get away with it so long!"

Dower's workmates, some of whom built a gym for him when he was an amateur and an Olympic hope back in 1952, made the complaints which caused the Ministry of Labour check on his timesheet.

When he fought in Cardiff last month, the promoter lost £2,000, though the weather was perfect for an open air show.

WELCOME?

A plan to give Dower a world title fight this month was dropped when promoter Jack Solomons met difficulties about a ground. Many felt the poor attendance at Cardiff had made Mr Solomons glad of an excuse to withdraw.

What explains the fall of an idol?

He has only lost one fight. He and his manager have tried hard to get a return bout with his conqueror, Young Martin, of Spain. The fact that he has no knock-out punch would not have damned him.

More likely it is the smaller things. His marriage, for instance. No doubt he had good reasons for keeping it secret, but his "butties" felt left out.

SHE WROTE:

Then recently he built a home near Bournemouth. It was hard for people to swallow that he intended to use it only for holidays until 1959.

The Middle East situation put the tin hat on it. How could Dower expect sympathy from someone with a son in Cyprus or a boy bound for Suez?

Yet not so long ago Nancy Davies wrote:

You've done it, Dai, we knew you could.
Your sporting ways decreed you should.
You've brought Wales glory, joy, and fame.
And long we'll praise your fighting name.

Hush! Villa Are Bidding For England's Wilshaw

By JACK WOOD

Dennis Wilshaw, Wolves' transfer-listed England inside forward, may go to Aston Villa. But keep it quiet, for it is all very hush-hush, with Villa manager Eric Houghton knowing nothing about it, and chairman Chris Buckley not in the mood for talking.

The facts are that Villa made a bid for Wilshaw last season, and the other day contacted Wolves again to discuss the possibility of a deal.

Mr Buckley, whose board spent much of last season under fire from the club's supporters, admitted: "We tried to get him last year. But Wolves are asking a lot of money now."

Said Mr Houghton: "I have nothing to say about it. I only know what I have read in the papers."

Wilshaw, coach to the Stoke Schools FA, is rated by Wolves in the £20,000 class. Although completely fit, he is not included in any Wolves team for the opening games.

Pat Neil, the schoolboy left winger who was last year with Portsmouth, moves out of the first-team attack in which he played in a recent trial, in favour of Jimmy Mullen, for the match against Cup-holders Manchester City.

Bill Holden, the Sunderland centre-forward who has refused to re-sign, hears by post that the club are to invite offers for him.

Holden, an England "B" international, cost Sunderland £10,000 when they signed him from Burnley last Boxing Day. He insists on living in Burnley, where his wife has a hairdressing business.

CHISHOLM MOVE

From Sunderland goes another forward, Ken ("I am sick of League football") Chisholm, who has cost Sunderland Cardiff, Coventry, Leicester, and Leeds £60,000 between them. Lately he joined Workington the Third Division club, and he will play in their side to open the season at Tranmere.

Sunderland had a price label of £6,000 on him. "But" said Norman Low, Workington manager who handled the deal, "we have not paid anything like that figure."

Chisholm, who is 31, is in business at Sunderland as a newsagent and tobacconist. Workington are to allow him to train at Roker Park, so that he may continue to give the business his personal attention.

Chelsea manager Ted Drake the other day paid Aberdeen a "moderate" fee for Ian MacFarlane, 22-year-old reserve right back.

Charlton quoted a fee of £15,000 to Portsmouth, Swansea, Cardiff, Bristol City, and Everton when they inquired about transfer-listed inside-right Jimmy Gauld.

"They are all considering it," said manager Jimmy Seed. "It is up to them. We are not breaking our necks to sell."

NO TO CARDIFF

A misunderstanding seems to have ended Cardiff City's hopes of signing Clyde and Scotland outside-left Tommy Ring. He phoned to say "No" to Cardiff's manager, Trevor Morris, after the clubs had agreed on an estimated £14,500 fee for the player.

Ring told a reporter in Scotland:

"Everything is far too rushed. "They wanted me to rush to Shawfield in the morning, sign papers, and go to London by the 10 o'clock train. My mind was too mixed up.

"In any case, Cardiff's terms are not quite good enough for me. They have offered me £12 a week while in the reserve team, and I am getting that with Second Division Clyde just now.

NO SLIDING SCALE

But Trevor Morris emphasised: "We offered maximum terms—£15 a week winter, and £12 a week summer. There was no mention of a sliding scale.

Mr Morris explained this to Ring and added: "Don't rush it. Come down with your wife as our guests and have a look round."

In Mr Morris's home was Danny Malloy, Scotland "B" centre-half, who joined Cardiff from Dundee last season. He told Ring of the advantages of joining Cardiff. But Ring, who said: "My wife does not want to come to Cardiff," still said "No" after all Mr Morris's explanation.

"I have given up hope of signing him now. That's football," said Mr Morris.

Lancs Put Themselves Back In County Championship Hunt

London, Aug. 23.

With Surrey having a struggle against Derbyshire, from which they may get no points, Lancashire put themselves back in the County Championship hunt today by beating Somerset in well under two days.

Surrey were held up by a stubborn second wicket stand of 96 from Charles Lee, former Yorkshire player, and John Kelly. Rain delayed play when Derbyshire were nearing Surrey's total, with six wickets down, but they took the lead on resuming and there will have to be some amazing cricket tomorrow if Surrey are to gather in points.

The Lancashire game will go down as the Hiltons' match. Malcolm followed his six of the first innings with 8 for 39 giving him match figures of 14 for 88, the best of his career, and brother James, of Somerset, who also took six in the first innings, claimed two of the four Lancashire lost in their second innings while hitting the 78 runs required for victory.

Fred Titmus, bowling J J Allen, completed the 100 wickets, 1,000 runs double of the season. Curiously enough George Tribe (Northamptonshire), only other player who performed the feat so far this year, was batting at the other end.

Essex and Yorkshire had only an hour's play before lunch when rain set in to end the day's play.

Dismissed twice for less than 90 lowly placed Kent were well beaten by Warwickshire whose moderate total of 188 was sufficient to give them victory by an innings. Only Leicestershire are below Kent in the County Table and they appear to be heading for a drawn match against Gloucestershire, third in the table, who have secured first innings points.

CLOSE OF PLAY SCORES

At Lord's: Middlesex 197 and 74 for four. Northamptonshire 180 (Brookes 63).

At Leicester: Leicestershire 219 and 71 for one. Gloucestershire 244.

At Worcester: Worcestershire 233 (Booth 63). Glamorgan 125 for seven (Walkin 54). Rain restricted play.

At Derby: Surrey 197 and twelve for one. Derbyshire 210 (Lee 58, Loader six for 70).—Reuter.

Joe Brown Says

I Beat Him Once And I'll Do It Again

New Orleans, Louisiana, Aug. 23.

Ten fruitless years in the ring may come to an end Friday night for 30-year-old challenger Joe Brown when he fights with deadly purpose to lift the lightweight crown from champion Wallace (Bud) Smith.

The all-Negro title fight here, the first championship bout in New Orleans in 39 years, rates in pre-fight betting as a toss-up. It will be a 15-rounder, nationally televised.

Brown is a native fighting in his own backyard against a cocky, younger champion. The local lad has had an aimless career in the ring over a long 82-bout professional grind since turning pro in 1946.

Smith, the 27-year-old champion from Cincinnati, displays confidence that borders on the repulsive—in spite of the fact he took a drubbing from Brown in a non-title, overweight match at Houston, Texas, about three months back.

GOOD DAYS

"You get good days and you get bad days," Smith explains his loss to Brown. "And that was one of Brown's good days and one of my bad ones."

Brown looked at it this way: "I beat him once and I'll do it again Friday."

The match was expected to draw a top gate.

Seating will be on a segregated basis, but local Negro leaders have made no public moves to morally boycott the title scrap.

While no state law is yet in effect banning mixed athletics or seating in Louisiana, the Louisiana Boxing Commission for years has prohibited mixed matches, even prohibiting white preliminaries where the main bout matches Negro fighters.—United Press.

THIS ZARATHUSTRA EXAMPLE MAY BENEFIT HANDICAPS

Says RICHARD BAERLEIN

In the United States the really top-class horses, such as Swaps and Nashua, are continually winning valuable handicaps. In England when we get horses of that calibre they do not go in for handicaps.

At least, in the past the policy has been not to enter such horses. And on the whole our handicaps are not sufficiently valuable.

All this may change in time, because many of the weight-for-age races in Britain are becoming bad business from the point of view of the racecourse executive.

For instance, at York this year what has generally been known as the Rose of York Stakes, with four or five high class horses running, has been turned into the Rose of York Handicap, which will have about £3,000 in prize money altogether and probably a field of nearly 20.

If this experiment is successful, as I am sure it will be, I have no doubt that other executives will gradually turn to valuable handicaps and they will get the entries from the high class horses.

TOP WEIGHT

The entries in this York race include the French-trained Hafiz II, who has top weight, the French 2,000 Guineas winner, Buisson Ardent, and the Irish 2,000 Guineas winner, Lucero.

And in the Ebor Handicap at the same meeting Captain Boyd-Rochfort has the Goodwood Cup winner Zarathustra.

Zarathustra first came into prominence as an almost great horse in Britain when he carried 9st. to a five-length victory in the Ascot Stakes.

Then followed the Goodwood Cup victory. And no one can say he is not exceptionally well-handicapped in the Ebor, even with 9st. 7lb., and I shall be surprised if he is not in the field on the day.

For a horse of his performances he is only required to give 6lb. to By Thunder! and Cardington King, 8lb. to Daemon and 9lb. to True Cavalier and Entente Cordial.

His record suggests that he could do this with ease. The one proviso might be in the case of True Cavalier. This colt did not finish more than 2½ lengths behind Bewitched in the Ascot Gold Cup after coming into the straight some way behind.

RAN BADLY

If True Cavalier could have produced that same form when next he ran at Ascot, in the Sunninghill Park Stakes, he would probably have beaten Borghetto and Rosati.

He ran unaccountably badly but it transpired afterwards that he had hurt his back, and did not give his true form for this reason.

Gads Hill finished second to Zarathustra at Ascot, beaten five lengths. For that five lengths Gads Hill is allowed only 4lb.

This is not by any means a generous allowance, for Zarathustra appeared to treat the opposition with complete contempt in the last two furlongs, and certainly gave Gads Hill a 14lb. beating.

The three-year-old French Beige meets Zarathustra on only a few pounds better terms than weight-for-age and, although French Beige won the Ascot Gold Vase and a subsequent race at Ascot, Zarathustra is a top class cup horse.

As such he should be able to give considerably more than weight-for-age to a horse with French Beige's record.

Whichever way one looks at this handicap, Zarathustra is the favoured horse and there must be every incentive to let him take his chance.

With his example, other top-class horses of the championship class may start competing in handicaps and the handicaps will then go up in value.

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HOME SOCCER RESULTS

London, Aug. 23.

Results of tonight's Association Football matches were:

League One

Chelton Athletic 1 Leeds United 2

League Two

Leyton Orient 1 Bristol Rovers 1
Notts County 1 Liverpool 1

League Three South

Northampton T. 3 Reading 0
Walsall 0 Torquay U. 1

Severe Jolt For The Dodgers' Pennant Hopes

Cincinnati, Aug. 23.

The Brooklyn Dodgers' pennant hopes were handed a severe jolt today when it was learned that Star relief pitcher Clem Labine has a broken wrist and will be lost to the club for about two weeks.

X-rays taken this morning at Christ Hospital showed that Labine suffered a chipped bone in his right wrist when struck by a pitch thrown by Larry Jackson of St. Louis Cardinals in the ninth inning of last night's game.—United Press.

HE ASKS FOR IMMEDIATE TRANSFER

Roy Bentley, former Chelsea skipper and England international forward who was one of five first team players placed on Chelsea's open to transfer list at the end of last season, has asked for an immediate move. In a letter to club chairman Mr Joe Mears, Bentley has stated he wants to leave as soon as possible. "I am fed up," he says.

Peter Waterman To Meet Brown On October 5

London, Aug. 23.

Peter Waterman, British Welterweight Champion, is to meet Darby Brown, the holder, in Melbourne for the Empire Welterweight title on October 5. Brown recently beat George Barnes who, at the time, held both Australian and Empire titles.—Reuter.

MAJOR LEAGUE BASEBALL

New York, Aug. 23.

Major League baseball games today were:

American League

	R.	H.	E.
Chicago	6	14	0
New York	3	6	0

Keegan (4-6) and Mossi; Coleman, Larsen (2) and Berra, Howard (9); Larsen (5th); Hits—Berra (2nd), Howard (8th).—United Press.

THE GAMBOLS . . . by Barry Appleby

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So Keen—The Test Is Their Reward

By DENIS COMPTON

Test matches excepted, the biggest crowds to watch the Australians play in England this season have been at Edgbaston in the match against Warwickshire.

This cricket keenness in the Midlands promises well for the return of Test cricket to Birmingham next season for the first time since 1929. The West Indies tourists are due there for the first Test starting on May 30.

Every time I have been to Edgbaston in recent years I have been impressed by the developments on the ground and the enthusiasm for the game there.

This support could never have been won without the better standards of cricket brought to Warwickshire by an energetic committee and, of course, by a talented team held together and superbly led by my old friend Tom Dollery.

Dollery is no longer playing for the county, but his influence lives on as coach. Eric Hollies, too, is providing experienced leadership until M.J.K. Smith, a coming England player in the opinion of so many, takes charge of the new Warwickshire.

TEST MATCH ROTA

In future Edgbaston goes on the Test match rota with the five other recognised centres, Lord's, the Oval, Old Trafford, Headingley, and Trent Bridge.

Lord's and the Oval are to stage a Test match every year and the provincial grounds take it in turns for the other three, except when the Australians are here, when Birmingham will share with Nottingham.

In other words, Edgbaston will get an Australian Test every eight years and the first time is in 1961.

I can think of no better fixture than a Test against the West Indies for Edgbaston's return to the Test circuit. And when the new stand is completed Edgbaston will be the biggest ground in England.

Now that there are five Tests every season other provincial centres have stronger justification in asking to be able to stage international games.

When Warwickshire put forward their proposed rota scheme at a Board of Control meeting in 1955, their representative mentioned the possibility of such centres as Bristol and Swansea being included.

Warwickshire did not wish to deprive any specified ground in the country of its existing allocation of Tests but made their application on the assumption there would be five Tests every season, which would allow honours to go round with each ground, except Lord's dropping out in turn.

I feel that the West and South Wales, which between them provide County Championship teams in Hampshire, Somerset, Gloucestershire and Glamorgan, might be nearer the heart of big cricket.

Naturally, both Bristol and Swansea would need considerable ground development before accommodating crowds of Test match dimensions, although Swansea already takes large crowds on the St Helen's Rugby ground.

NAME TO NOTE

And now for a name to note —Maurice Hallam, Leicestershire's opening batsman.

He made a very good 65 against Yorkshire and has already scored about 1,500 this season.

Hallam scores his runs most attractively, and Leicestershire folk are not alone in hoping that he is not as unlucky as their old champion, Les Berry, in missing representative honours. — London Express Service.

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Man of Bronze. Jim Thorpe as portrayed by Burt Lancaster in the film "Man of Bronze", the story of Jim Thorpe's life.

GIANTS OF SPORT

JIM THORPE—MAN OF BRONZE

By ERIC NICHOLLS

The Indian college boy sat watching the high jumpers being put through their paces. It was not a particularly inspiring sight. Performances were poor. The coach was in danger of losing his temper.

Jim Thorpe was convinced he could do better. He was 19. He had lived an outdoor life. He had learned to ride when only three, he could swim almost as early in life, and had shot his first deer at 10.

Jim wrestled with his emotions as he watched more athletes knock the bar down, and listened to the coach's disgruntled remarks desperately wanting to show them how easy it really was. Should he try? He could do it, he was sure. But he was only an Indian boy. Trouble came easily to him. He seemed to attract it. He didn't want to appear swollen-headed. Yet he was convinced he could do better than the athletics team.

Another high jumper crashed through the bar. The coach sighed. Jim's mind was made up. Taking off his coat, he ran up and his mighty frame soared up and over the bar, while coach and contestants stood and gaped.

FAME AND GLORY

So began the athletics career of Jim Thorpe, All-American, Jim Thorpe, Man of Bronze, 1912 Olympic Pentathlon and Decathlon winner, the Indian boy who achieved fame and glory only to be struck down by officialdom.

But the Jim Thorpe story is more than just a chronicle of the sporting triumphs of one man. It is the glory of a partnership—Jim Thorpe and his coach and life-long friend, Glenn ('Pop') Warner.

It was Warner who noted his high jumping performance that day in 1907 as that of a future "great". It was Warner who put Thorpe in the football squad to help develop him as a track star. It was Warner who coached, who advised, who imposed tough discipline when necessary. And it was Warner who remained his friend, long after the American Amateur Athletic Union had branded him a professional, to fight with thousands of others for the reinstatement that never came.

When, on March 8, 1953, Thorpe died of a heart attack in his caravan home in a Los Angeles suburb, the stigma of the AAAU's ruling 40 years previously died with him.

What did it matter what was thought of him in the land of officialdom? The sporting public mourned the passing of a great athlete. And although the Olympic record books will never show his fantastic successes of 1912, Jim Thorpe will be remembered for them.

He will be remembered for many other things.

For his baseball, for his football which twice earned him a place at half-back on Walter Camp's honorary All-American team.

GREATEST ATHLETE

He was remembered in 1950 when an Associated Press poll of sports writers and broadcasters voted him as the greatest athlete of the first half of the twentieth century as well as the greatest football player.

It was in the 1911 football season that Thorpe amassed the record which won him Warner's praise as "the greatest football player of all time."

Thorpe took part in all the other sports offered by Carlisle University—basketball, hockey, boxing and tennis, and inter-college track meets. At one time or another in his career he held championships in running, jumping, swimming, shooting, skating, baseball, tennis, hockey, lacrosse, shot putting and pole vaulting.

When Thorpe pulled off his great wins in the 1912 Olympic Games in Stockholm King Gustav of Sweden addressed him as the "greatest athlete in the world", and presented him with a chalice in the shape of a viking ship.

Just twelve months later Jim Thorpe was "in disgrace", a bitter and disillusioned man. He had been called before the AAAU for an explanation following reports that he had played professional baseball in the Carolina League prior to the Olympic Games.

Thorpe, true to character, made no denial but did offer an explanation. "In the same teams I played with were several college men . . . who were regarded as amateurs at home," he wrote. "I was simply an Indian schoolboy not wise to the ways of the world."

Officialdom showed no mercy, no compassion, no understanding. Instead it struck him down. Jim Thorpe was not an amateur athlete it was decided. And at the end of January, 1913, his name and accomplishments were expunged from the Olympic records, his trophies ordered returned, and two other contestants declared the winners of the Pentathlon and Decathlon.

BASEBALL CAREER

Thorpe left Carlisle in the spring of 1913, joined up with the New York Giants, later to be traded to the Cincinnati Reds, to move on to the Boston Braves, and from there to Akron, Ohio before his baseball career ended in 1919.

The following year Thorpe helped to organise the American Professional Football Association, whose name was changed to the National Football League in 1922. He was elected its President.

In 1929 Thorpe announced his retirement from professional football.

But all the time he had been moving from baseball club to baseball club, and on through football, Thorpe couldn't rid his mind of that decision by the AAAU, in 1913, and the terrible wrong they had done him.

He applied for reinstatement as an amateur. He was turned down.

Thorpe turned to Hollywood for help. He sold the motion picture rights of his life story to Metro Goldwyn Mayer who were contemplating production of a film, "Red Son of Carlisle." The film was never made.

Life which had never bestowed many favours upon Jim Thorpe had even less to offer him now.

He got work on the excavation for the new Los Angeles County Hospital.

In 1932 he collaborated with T. F. Collison on a book, "Jim Thorpe's History of the Olympics", timed to coincide with the staging of the Olympic Games in Los Angeles.

Later this once great athlete did get to Hollywood—as a bit-player in Western films.

By the end of 1937 Thorpe was back in Oklahoma. He devoted most of his time and what was left of his money in helping his fellow Indians.

SPONSORED LECTURE

Then came a sponsored lecture tour of the United States.

The 'professional' tag went with him.

It was inevitable that somebody should try to get the AAAU decision rescinded. This time the job fell to the Oklahoma legislature. But the Union was adamant.

Past the age of acceptance by the Army or the Navy in World War II, Thorpe joined the Merchant Marine in June, 1945, and sailed in ammunition ships.

The rights to his life story having been bought by Warner Brothers, Burt Lancaster was cast in the title role of "Jim Thorpe, All-American." Thorpe himself was working for the Los Angeles Sports Club at the time and was paid a lump sum and engaged as technical adviser.

Shooting began in August 1950. The film was in fact produced, but under another title—"Man of Bronze."

The film did not restore Jim Thorpe's fortunes. He received very little because he had sold the rights 20 years earlier and when he died, in 1951, he was almost penniless.

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WATER IS PRECIOUS USE IT WISELY

MISS WOOLLER LOSES HER BET AND WINS A FOUR-MINUTE MILER

By LISA MOYNIHAN

It is typical of Derek Ibbotson that he entered a race for the sake of a ticket — and astonished the world by breaking the four-minute mile.

Everything he does has a tinge of the unusual about it. Even his romance. He met his fiancee, Madeleine Wooller, a promising half-miler, in a Moscow garden last September, wooed her in a Prague night club and proposed to her on a cross-country run in Middlesex.

Dark, lovely and attractive, she was waiting for me in the vast empty lounge of the British American Tobacco Company at Westminster House where she works.

SOPHISTICATED

Unthinkingly I offered a cigarette to the 20-year-old girl who had helped break the British women's three times 880 relay record shortly after Derek Ibbotson had landed inside four minutes and her arms.

"Bad for distance running," she smiled.

Madeleine looked cool and sophisticated in a green poplin dress. It was easy enough to believe (as Ibbotson told me later) that half the male English runners at Moscow had been chasing after her.

It was indirectly thanks to Jack Crump of the AAA that Ibbotson got there first. "I hated the sight of him when I first saw him," said Miss Wooller.

"He'd been walking out—or should I say running out—with another girl but glibly tried to date me. I said No.

"Then he suggested we'd have a bet that if he didn't run in Prague, our next capital on tour, I'd go out with him. I thought it so certain he would be running that I agreed. He claims it was just a coincidence that shortly afterwards Jack Crump announced he must rest."

He proved the perfect night club escort that first evening in Prague. We had four more gay evenings and I thought that was that. Then, three days after our return to England, he phoned me at the office. He was running a three-mile race at the White City and persuaded me to have a go at an under-five-minute mile."

So Madeleine, under Derek's appreciative eye, broke through her own time barrier. The other barriers followed. When their engagement was announced last June, Ibbotson had already become a familiar figure in the Wooller home at Hanworth.

When will this marriage of the five and four-minute-mile-breakers take place? Madeleine twiddled her three-rubied engagement ring.

"Well, the Olympics come first," she said.

A ticket to Melbourne is one that Ibbotson CAN'T win for her. There is no 800-metre race for women.

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Japan Likely To Send 150 Athletes To Melbourne

Tokyo, Aug. 23.

Masaji Tabata, President of the Japan Swimming Federation, will lead Japan's Olympic delegation to Melbourne.

Tabata and four members of the delegation's headquarters were named by the Japanese Olympic Committee on Wednesday.

Tabata was leader of the Japanese Olympic delegation to the Helsinki Games in 1951 and the delegation to the second Asian Games in Manila in 1954.

Indications are that Japan will send a large delegation of 150 athletes and officials to Melbourne. The Olympic Committee originally planned to send only 100 persons, similar to the 1952 Olympics, but the unexpected creditable showing of the basketball, soccer, and rowing teams has boosted the number of probable selections to 150.

Masaji Kiyokawa, winner of the 100 Metres backstroke at the 1932 Olympic Games at Los Angeles, was selected on Wednesday to handle public relations at Melbourne.

Kiyokawa and Hironoshin Furuhashi, former swimming champion who has been named manager of the swimming team, will leave on Oct. 19 by plane for an advance survey of the Melbourne Olympic facilities.—United Press.

You Can't Fight Pain...I Quit

By LEN BOYD

Birmingham and England 'B' player in an interview with ROGER MALONE

MY footballing days are over. After trying for eight months to rid myself of a continuous and worrying ache in the small of my back, caused by a slipped disc, I have failed.

Doctors, specialists, scores of enthusiastic well-wishers, and a few quacks have done their best for me. It has been no use.

I know now I cannot get back to the peak of fitness required for first-class football.

It has not been an easy decision to make. I have had a lot out of football during my eight years with City, and before that with Plymouth, but this pain is getting worse, and you cannot fight pain for ever.

The trouble started last December and grew steadily worse. Before the Cup semi-final against Sunderland I had manipulative treatment, and felt fine. But following a mid-week game against Chelsea three days later I could hardly get out of bed.

I missed a few games, went into a plaster cast, and prepared for Wembley.

I had a poor Cup Final. But don't think City lost the Cup because of my play or my back—we were well and truly "Revie'd" that day.

When I reported for training this season my back was as bad as ever. I have been able only to lap—no playing or exercises. But I thought I'd give it one more try. Now I know it's no good going on.

NEXT....A PUB?

What is my future? I am awaiting an interview with a brewing firm preparatory to taking over a public house in the Midlands.

Soccer? I had thought about continuing in the game in some capacity—I am a qualified FA coach—but Soccer is far too precarious. I'm sure I shall find more security out of the game, and give my wife and two small children a better future that way.

I'm hoping the club will continue my contract and allow me to live here in my club-owned house until we have completed the brewery training course.

If I wanted I could hang around on full wages with City until my contract ends next August. But I don't want to be a passenger. I'd rather go out and earn a living.

Regrets? Of course I have. I love the game. And I was hoping to go on for at least three or four more years as a player, perhaps taking in a full England cap on the way.

But there it is. You never know how long you are going to last in this game—15 years or 15 minutes.

Ride Rough, Ride It Tough, Says Reg Harris

Reg Harris, who aims to win his fifth world professional cycle sprint championship at the end of this month, has invited a dozen of Britain's top racing cyclists to help him train at his own Fallowfield, Manchester, track. And Harris has told them: "Ride rough, ride it tough. No holds barred here." Reason is that Harris was bowled over on a Continental track in his final training last year. That put him right out of the championships.

Royal H.K. Defence Force Orders

Serial No. 34. Orders by Lieutenant Colonel T. F. C. Hamilton, MC, Commandant, Royal Hongkong Defence Force. Dated August 21, 1956.

FORCE ORDERS

Holiday.—RHKDF Headquarters, Happy Valley will be closed on Thursday, August 30, 1956.

FORCE HEADQUARTERS

Recce Platoon.—Friday August 31, 1956—OC's Inspection. Parade MPG for HQ 5.30 p.m. Dress: OG Shirts, Trousers, Blue Beret, Belt, Anklets, Boots (Polished).

Light Troop.—Friday August 31, 1956—Troop Training. Parade MPG 5.15 p.m. for HQ RHKDF. Dress: Overalls.

C & R Troop.—Monday August 27, 1956—No parade.

THE HONGKONG REGIMENT

Training.—Week ending September 1, 1956—"A" Coy—No parades. "B" Coy—No parades. Warning Order September 3—Half Day Trg. RV MPG for HQ 1.30 p.m. Dress: OG Trousers, KD Shirt, Gaiters, Battle Order less steel helm. "C" Coy—No parades. Warning Order Trg resumes on September 7. Published later. "D" Coy—No parades. Warning Order Trg resumes on September 5. Sp Coy—No parades. HQ Coy—No parades. Med Sec—As ordered by RMO. Band & Corps of Drums As ordered by Band President. HKR Late Trg Period No parades. Trg will resume on Monday September 3.

HOME GUARD

Training.—Thursday August 30, 1956—No parade.

HONGKONG AUXILIARY AIR FORCE

Trade Training.—Auxiliary Police Tuesday August 28—Air Personnel—14 RAF Police Depot—6 p.m. Transport leaves MPG 5.45 p.m. Equipment Section Monday August 27—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. A.T.O. Section Tuesday August 28—"B" Watch—Sek Kong Tower—9 a.m. (Full Day). Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 8 a.m. Saturday September 1—As detailed—Kai Tak Tower—1 p.m. Sunday September 2—As detailed—Kai Tak Tower—8 a.m. Wireless Section Friday August 31—All personnel—HKAAF Hangar—6 p.m. Transport leaves Salisbury Road at 5.45 p.m. C & R Section Training as detailed by Section Commander. M.T. Section Training as detailed by Section Commander.

Flying Training.—Thursday August 30—All pilots—MPG—6 p.m. Saturday, Sunday & Monday September 1, 2 & 3—Pilots as detailed by OC Flying Squadron.

HONGKONG WOMEN'S AUXILIARY ARMY CORPS

Training.—Thursday August 30—Holiday. No parade. Friday August 31—Sigs: Personnel parade 5.30 p.m. MPG for HQLF. Dress: Uniform.

(Sgd.) G. H. Calvert, Major,
for Commandant, RHKDF.

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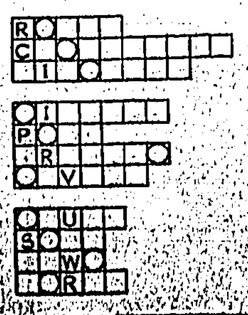

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Negroes Demand '1st Class' Citizenship

PASSIVE RESISTANCE ADVOCATED TO ACHIEVE RIGHTS

San Francisco, Aug. 23.

Organised negroes of the United States are determined to continue their fight for full citizenship.

This was demonstrated by the 800 delegates to the forty-seventh Annual Convention of the National Association for the Advancement of Coloured People here, who announced that they intend to expand their employment of the technique of "passive resistance."

In the convention's most dramatic speech, Dr Martin Luther King, the Montgomery (Alabama) Negro Baptist minister who was recently convicted of leading the Negro boycott of Montgomery public transport, said:

Fill Gaols

"It might mean going to gaol. If such is the case, we must honourably fill up the gaol houses of the South.

"It might even lead to physical death. But if such physical death is the price that we must pay to free our children from a life of permanent psychological death, then nothing could be more honourable.

"This is really the meaning of the method of passive resistance. It confronts physical force with an even stronger force."

The 600 delegates to the convention, representing the 300,000 members of the organisation, greeted Dr King's statement with thunderous applause.

Dr King was originally fined 1,000 dollars (£356 sterling) for leading the boycott but when he gave notice of appeal the sentence was altered to 386 days imprisonment, which is suspended pending the hearing of the appeal.

The Convention was held two years after the United States Supreme Court had ordered the end of segregation in schools throughout the United States. Enforcement of that decision has been left to local communities.

School Desegregation

The negroes have attempted to aid school desegregation by negotiation with the white members of the communities.

Mr Thurgood Marshall, special counsel for the Association, who pleaded and won the desegregation case before the Supreme Court, reported that this method of implementing the Court's order had been successful in the States of Missouri, West Virginia, Tennessee, Oklahoma, Kentucky, Arkansas, Texas, Maryland, Delaware, and the federal District of Columbia.

But, he added, all efforts to consolidate the schools by negotiation had failed in the States of Mississippi, Alabama, Louisiana, Georgia, Florida, South Carolina, North Carolina, and Virginia.

"Our legal staff will go into action in those States," Mr Marshall said. "Test cases will be filed in each State."

He predicted that the cases would result in victories for the Negroes and that white officials who refused to follow the orders of the courts would be found to be in contempt.

Purge Themselves

"And you would be surprised how quickly they wish to purge themselves of contempt after they have spent a few days in gaol," Mr Marshall added.

The chief counsel for the Association urged members to take a firm stand against what he called Communist infiltration of their organisation.

"Once again the Communists and their sympathisers are stepping up their efforts to persuade Negroes to swallow the Communist Party line," he said.

"Their tactics have changed. They are all sweetness and light these days trying to persuade us to join the programmes of their organisations, the names of which are constantly changing.

"We know their most plan for negroes is 'self-determination,' which simply means that all negroes are to be set aside in a separate sixty-sixth state.

"They (the Communists) are far more interested in Negroes or the Coloured People's Association than they are in the United States.

"We must continue to make it clear that there is no place in this organisation for Communists or those who follow the Communist line."

Mr Marshall asked the negroes of the United States to enforce their demands for equality by only lawful means.

"The ending of racial prejudice and segregation is a tough job," he said. "Each step toward complete democracy has been tough; each move toward this end has met some opposition.

"However, one of the sustaining characteristics of our democracy is that it has always survived these crises and moved ahead stronger than before."

Unhandicapped

The general theme of the Convention speeches was that the Negroes of the United States are determined to achieve the status of "first class" citizens, unhandicapped by their colour.

Mr A. Philip Randolph, vice president of the American Federation of Labour-Congress of Industrial Organisations, the largest union in the nation, and president of the Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, said, with convention approval, "Negroes want their rights and they want them now."—China Mail Special.

River Trip For International Scouts

Some 2,000 International Boy Scouts — who have come from such contrasting countries as, for example, Jamaica and Finland — are currently attending the Third Essex International Jamboree at Hockley, Essex. Recently they had a trip up the Thames from the seaside town of Southend to London's Tower Pier aboard the vessel Royal Daffodil — as in picture. — Express Photo.

What To Do With Stalin?

Moscow, Aug. 28.

A nationwide competition for a pantheon to hold the bodies of Lenin and Stalin failed to produce fitting "ideological and artistic" designs, it was announced today.

The competition, begun two years ago, produced 875 designs, but the state construction Committee of Moscow City Council were given merited first, second or third prizes.

Ten entries were awarded as consolation prizes, but the announcement did not say that any of their designs would be accepted.

It was believed here that the decision not to award first prize in the competition would enable authorities to delay a decision on what to do with Stalin's body in the light of the recent "de-Stalinisation" campaign.

Plans for another pantheon in which Lenin alone will lie are expected to replace the original scheme. The bodies of Lenin and Stalin are now in the Mausoleum in the Red Square.—China Mail Special.

Grandmother Offered Eye For A Bed

Sydney, Aug. 23.

After spending four nights in Sydney Railway Station rest rooms because she had been unable to find accommodation, a 64-year-old grandmother offered one of her eyes to any hospital in return for a place in which to live.

The woman, Mrs Moloney, made her offer through a newspaper saying "I don't want charity, I am Irish and independent."

She said her children had their own accommodation problems.

The newspaper told the State Housing Commission of her plight and Mrs Moloney was given a unit in a housing settlement.—China Mail Special.

STORKS STAY IN AFRICA

Johannesburg, Aug. 23.

This winter the majority of storks remained in South Africa and did not emigrate to Europe as in past years.

"It is a mystery why they have not migrated," members of the Witwatersrand Bird Club say. "They have never before been known to remain in South Africa in winter."

"Storks do not breed in South Africa and as far as is known they are not breeding here this year," club members say. "Usually in our winter they migrate to North Africa, Europe (as far north as Norway and Russia) and Persia and they breed in those countries."

HUGE FLOCKS

But this year from all over South Africa bird watchers have reported seeing large flocks of storks.

Reports reaching South African bird clubs from similar organisations in Europe reveal that countries there have noticed decreases in stork population. Many are alarmed and in Germany and France investigations have been started to find the cause.—China Mail Special.

Australian Munitions Plant Cut

Canberra, Aug. 23.

Expenditure in Australia's new munitions plant at St Mary's near Sydney is to be cut by "several millions," government sources said today.

Decision to make a cut was taken by the Government during defence discussions this week.

In spite of the cut it is expected that the plant, originally estimated to cost 28 millions Australian pounds, will be completed by the end of 1957.

The building of the plant at St Mary's has been criticised by the Labour opposition and government back benchers from time to time in Parliament on the ground that the site was a strategic blunder.

Defending the Government's decision to build the plant the Prime Minister Mr Menzies in 1955 described it as "priority one."—China Mail Special.

Mail Notices

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Formosa, U.S.A., 6 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Canada, 6 p.m.
Japan, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Japan, 4 p.m.
Thailand, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 25
By Air
Peking, Shanghai, Hankow, Kunming, 7 a.m.
Thailand, Malaya, N. Borneo, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand & Ceylon, Noon.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Malaya, Indonesia, Australia, New Zealand, 6 p.m.
Formosa, Japan, Okinawa, Korea, 6 p.m.
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Formosa, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
N. Borneo, 4 p.m.
Indo-China, 4 p.m.
Philippines, 4 p.m.
Burma, 4 p.m.
Japan, U.S.A., C. & S. America, 4 p.m.
Malaya, Ceylon, India, Pakistan, Aden, Middle East, Italy (Portuguese India, Parcels via Karachi), 5 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.
China, People's Republic, 6 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 26
By Air
Philippines, 4 p.m.
Formosa, U.S.A., Canada, 6 p.m.
Burma, India, Pakistan, Middle East, Africa, Great Britain & Europe, 6 p.m.
Hawaii, 6 p.m.
By Surface
Macao, 1 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 27
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Japan, Canada, 11 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Philippines, 2 p.m.
Thailand, Burma, 3 p.m.
Indo-China, 3 p.m.
North Borneo, 2 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 28
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Korea, 4 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 29
By Surface
China, People's Republic, 7 a.m.
Macao, 1 p.m.
Macao, 6 p.m.

Radio Hongkong

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6, Time Signal and Programme Summary; 6.03, Stock Market Report; 6.06, Programme for children presented by Valerie; 6.30, Popularity Poll presented by Ted Thomas; 7, Music from the Ball. "Graduation Ball" (J. Strauss, Jr); 7.30, "Jazz Half Hour" presented by Robert Acheson; 7.49, Weather Report; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Commentary or Stop Press Item; 8.15, Movie Magazine, Compiled and presented by David Lyttle; 8.42, "Talking about Books" Aileen Dekker reviews; 'Bright Tapestry' by Margaret Pearson, '19th Century Background by Arthur B. Allen; 9, Time Signal, Cricket. (5th Test Match) England v. Australia. Commentaries by Rex Alston, John Arlott and Michael Charlton on the 2nd day's play at the Oval; 9.30, Music Lovers' Requests presented by Aileen Dekker; 10.10, Cricket. (5th Test Match) England v. Australia. Further commentaries on the 2nd day's play at the Oval; 12.14, Weather Report; 12.15 a.m., Close Down.

REDIFFUSION

2 p.m., Variety Calls the Tune; 3, Musical Matinee — Anne De Nys Trio and the 'Jumpin' Jacks; 3.30, Strike Up the Band—Music in March Time; 4, Romances of the World—Lady Hamilton; 4.15, Tea for Two; 4.30, Sammy Kaye Show; 5, Children's Corner—The Water Babies by Charles Kingsley; 5.30, Friday Requests presented by Betty; 6.32, Birthday Mailbag; 6.50, Record Parade; 7, Personality Parade—Douglas Byng; 7.15, Showtime Serenade—Sidney Torch Strings; 7.30, Eddie Fisher with Axel Stordahl's Orchestra; 7.45, "The Final Year"—The Story of a Mother's Courage; 8, Time Signal and the News; 8.09, Weather Report, Announcements and Interlude; 8.15, Melachrino Musicale; 8.30, Music for You—Alfredo Antonini and his Orchestra; 9, Fifth Test Match—England v. Australia—Commentaries by Rex Alston, John Arlott and Michael Charlton on the 2nd day's play at the Oval; 9.36 p.m., Symphony Hall—Diversions on a Theme for Piano (Left Hand) and Orchestra. (Britten) (played by Siegfried Rapp and the Symphony Orchestra of Radio Berlin conducted by Arthur Rother; 10, Rediffusion Spotlight—Interview with Gregor Piatigorsky, world Famous Cellist; 10.15, Canadian Showcase of Popular Music—Featuring some of the Leading Canadian Composers and Performers; 10.30, Cricket (5th Test Match) England v. Australia—Further commentaries on the 2nd day's play at the Oval; 12.15 a.m., Close Down.

Copper Mine Strike Over

Kitwe, Aug. 23.

The strike of African daily paid workers at Nchanga Copper Mine in Northern Rhodesia which started on Monday, ended this morning.

The strike was the seventh in a series of short strikes called by the Northern Rhodesian African Mineworkers Union in protest against the mining companies automatic transfer of certain Africans to monthly contracts.

A Chamber of Mines spokesman said this morning the position at Kansanshi Mine where a strike was expected this morning was not yet known. Kansanshi is the newest of the copper mines and in future years is to be the largest.—China Mail Special.

MANDRAKE THE MAGICIAN

By Lee Falk and Phil Davis

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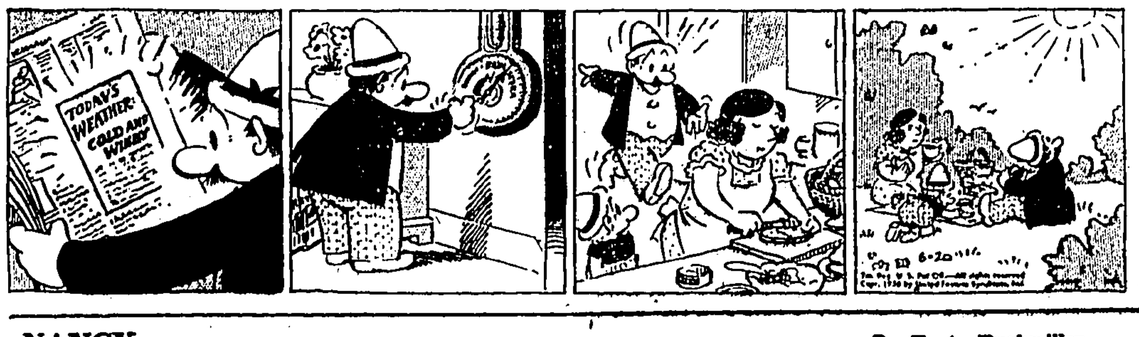

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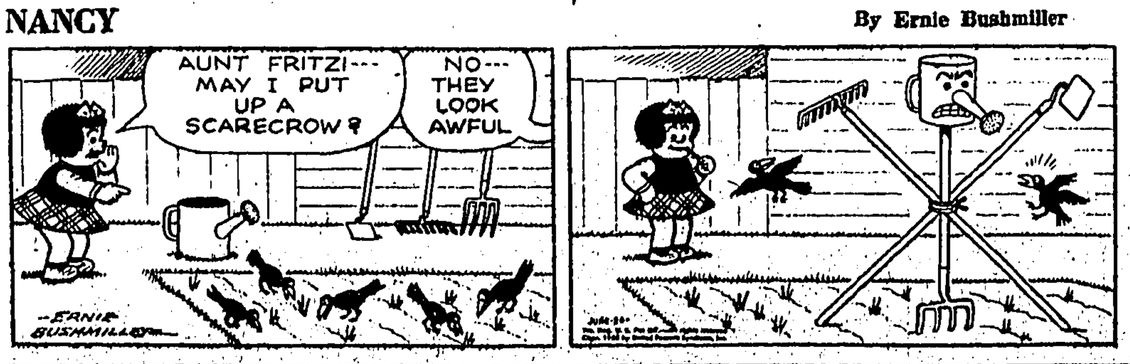

ROWNTREES

MILK CHOCOLATE WITH ALMONDS AND RAISINS

JOHNNY HAZARD

By Frank Robbins

...this situation calls for a
San Miguel

TRADE and COMMERCE SECTION

SHARES CLOSE LOWER

FORMOSA STRAIT INCIDENT UPSETS MARKET

By A SPECIAL CORRESPONDENT

It would have been a "no change" week on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this week but for the shooting down of an American Navy patrol plane in the Formosa Strait on Wednesday.

The news reached Hongkong yesterday morning and turned the market dull immediately. Buyers, who had been restrained pending an outcome of the Suez Canal talks in London, withdrew and turnover for the day amounted to only $380,000.

Brokers indicated in this column last week they thought the market would be sluggish and buyers reluctant to extend commitments.

That is exactly what happened. Turnover dropped from $4.14 to $3.31 million and prices moved fractionally either way from last week's closing rates.

The tally for the week shown in the adjoining panel is 14 shares steady, twelve slightly lower and three higher.

All Square

The market closed at noon on Wednesday just about all square.

Other factors do not appear to have had much influence. The Suez news could not be very much better, but that is not to say it is good. The three Western powers have 15 supporters for their plan of international management. Only three support the Indian proposals.

London Stock Exchange has received this week's news well and has reacted optimistically, closing on a firm note. New York has been irregular and lower. Partly this is the result of some depression over Suez, but much more because of fears of an increase in borrowing rates.

American T/T on the local gold market has moved very narrowly upwards. It is possible that this has attracted a little money away from Ice House Street but I have not heard any reports of this.

Trams' Interim

An interesting announcement appeared in the financial columns of the Morning Post last week too late for my column.

It was the news of Hongkong Trams' revised interim dividend. It announces a distribution of 60 cents a share. The announcement adds that although this represents a net increase of 25 cents compared with the 1955 interim, it does not indicate that total distribution will be greater. The increase is made solely to reduce disparity between interim and final payments.

Last year the company paid 40 cents (less tax) and $1.25 (net), the previous year 40 cents and $1.30 (both less tax) and in 1953, 60 cents and $1.80. The company made a bonus issue of one for two in January, 1954 which increased issued capital from $9.75 million to $14.625 million.

Last year's dividends absorbed $4,680,000 leaving more than $200,000 to be carried forward after the usual $800,000 appropriation to general reserve.

Prior to the bonus issue in 1954, the policy appeared to be to lift the final by 10 cents a year so that it rose from $1.60 in 1951 to $1.80 in 1953.

Between 1951 and last year distributions have risen from about 79 per cent of profit to about 86 per cent. And while there is a limit to the percentage of earnings that can be paid out, the company's obvious policy is to keep dividends high as possible.

The company's profit has been moving up slowly and last year was $5,407,924. In 1951 it was $4,713,820. It has a healthy general reserve standing at more than $2 million and a development and obsolescence reserve standing at $1.2 million.

Solid Impression

In short, if profit continues at its present rate the company could pay more and despite the rather fussy safeguard they add to the dividend announcement there is at least one broker who is expecting more than a $1 final this year.

The figures quoted above give that same solid impression.

Trams were a firm spot on the week closing 10 cents higher at $24.20. Another share to do well this week was A.S. Watson's which jumped 60 cents on the week to $12.60. I have not heard any special reason for this latest rise but regular readers of this column will recall that the share made a similar jump about six weeks ago.

The other share higher on the week is Hongkong Lands. I imagine the reason for its firmness is the rent increase bill now before Leg. Co. and shareholders' hopes that the bill will go through without substantial amendment.

Banks Lower

There is not much else in the market. Banks are slightly lower at $1635 and still tend to be sluggish.

Unions are unchanged and quoted at $1,000 nominal.

Wheelock Mardens are fractionally lower.

HK Wharf and HK Docks are both steady but Providents are slightly lower.

In the land section, Hotels are a little lower.

Among Blue Chips, both ferry issues and all but Trams in the utilities are lower.

There has been little movement either in raw rubber or rubber share prices.

Diary Of The Week

Here is a diary of the week:

Friday:	Few and small price movements. T/O: $880,000.
Monday:	Minor fluctuations either way. T/O: $770,000.
Tuesday:	Prices generally remained steady with a few tacking on fractional gains. T/O: $910,000.
Wednesday:	Quiet conditions. T/O: $423,000.
Thursday:	Slight recession in early dealings. Steadier towards noon and little change in the afternoon. T/O: $380,000.

★ The Share Market At A Glance ★

	July 25	Aug 2	Aug 9	Aug 16	Aug 23	Up or down
HK Bank	1670xd	1670	1660	1640	1635	—$5
Lombard	47s	46	47s	46s	44b	steady
Union	995	990	985b	995	1000n	steady
Underwriters	8.85s	8.85s	8.80n	8.80n	8.80n	steady
Union W'boat	23.00b	23.50b	24	23½b	24.10n	steady
Wheelocks	9.30	9.10	8.80	8.90	8.85	—5c
HK Wharf	93½	90	88	88b	88n	steady
HK Dock	42b	42s	41	41	41¾s	steady
Provident	14.70	14.00s	13.90	14.10	14m	—10c
HK Hotels	15.80	15.40	15	15.30	15.10	—20c
HK Lands	69	67½	67	67½	68	+50c
Humphreys	20.30n	20.20	20.20s	20	20n	steady
HK Realty	1.525	1.475m	1.45	1.475	1.45	—2½c
HK Trams	25	24.50	23.80	24.10	24.20	+10c
Star Ferry	142	137b	139n	139n	135nxd	steady
Yaumatis	114	112	109	111	109m	—$2
Ch Lights (o)	25	24.50	23.60	24.20	23.90	—30c
Ch Lights (n)	22.40	22	21.20	21.60	21.30m	—30c
Electric	32½	31¼	30¼	31¼	31	—25c
HK Telephone	25.80	25.20	24.50	25.10	24.90	—20c
G.I. Cement	37¼	36¼	35¼	36	36	steady
Dairy Farm	16.70	16.30	15.80	16	15.90	—10c
A.S. Watson	12.70	12.40	11.80	12	12.60	+60c
Lane Crawford	29½b	29.40b	29.40	29.40n	29.30n	steady
Yangtsze	7.50n	6.80n	6.75	6.70b	6.60b	—10c
Allied	5.40s	5.35s	5.30n	5.20s	5n	steady
HK & FE Inv	11.40s	11.20m	11.40s	10.60nxd	10.60n	steady
Textile Corp	4.65	4.40s	4.45s	4.40s	4.15b	steady
Nanyang	7.70s	7.00s	7.60n	7.60n	7.60n	steady

TODAY'S SHARE PRICES

(From Our Correspondent)

Business done on the Hongkong Stock Exchange this morning amounted to approximately $160,000. Noon quotations and the morning's transactions:

Shares	Buyers	Sellers	Sales
GOVT. LOANS			
3½% (1940)		90	3000 @ 90½
INSURANCES			
Lombard ..		45	250 @ 44
SHIPPING			
Wheelock .		9	
DOCKS, ETC.			
K. Wharf .	88½		
Dock	40½	41¾	
LAND, ETC.			
HK Hotel ..	15.10	15.30	
HK Land ..	67½	68½	600 @ 68
Realty	1.42½	1.475	
RUBBER			
Amalg.	1.420	1.50	
Trust	1.50	1.575	
UTILITIES			
Yaumati ...	108	110	
C. Light (O)	23.90	24.10	100 @ 24.10
			1000 @ 24
C. Light (N)	21.30	21.60	500 @ 21.40
Electric	30¾	31¼	900 @ 31
Telephone			
" (O)	24.80	24.90	
" (N)	23.70	24.20	
INDUSTRIALS			
Cement	36	36½	400 @ 36.25
STORES, ETC.			
Dairy	15.80	16.10	200 @ 15.90
Watson	12.60		1,000 @ 12.60
COTTONS			
Textiles	4.20		
INVESTMENTS			
Yangtsze ...	6.60		
Allied	4.90	5.10	

New York Cotton Futures Active

New York, Aug. 23.

Cotton futures today moved irregularly higher in moderately active dealings.

A smart opening rally attracted spurts of realising and hedge selling, but the setbacks invited a resumption of buying for domestic and foreign trade accounts.

All deliveries from March (1957) forward reached new seasonal highs.

Technicians said market sentiment pivoted on: 1. A further reduction in the certificated stock; 2. Increased loan impoundings, which pointed up reports of a producer holding movement; 3. A belief that the million acreage put into the soil bank will be influential in reckoning the cotton supply next year.

Liverpool brokers were moderate buyers of nearby positions in the forenoon. Commission house brokers bought on balance. Offerings were mostly supplied through hedge selling and technical realising following two days of higher prices.

Covering in October reflected a further cut in the deliverable supply. The certificated stock totalled 3,472 bales, off 69 bales from the previous posting on Monday.

Producer loan impoundings for the week ended Aug. 17 totalled 25,744 bales, making a total of 31,092 bales to date, plus 6,054,851 bales held under the cotton loan programme.

Month	Volume	Open interest
Oct	11,600	254,000
Dec.	11,500	382,000
Mar.	16,600	180,700
May	10,800	125,300
July	6,200	63,000
Oct	1,700	22,600
Dec.	—	
Total	74,400	1,537,400 bales

NEW YORK

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	34.40n
Oct	33.60
Dec.	33.57
Mar.	33.46
May	33.17
July	32.39
Oct.	31.70
Dec	31.70

NEW ORLEANS

Prices of futures closed today as follows:

Spot	32.75
Oct.	33.62
Dec.	33.50
Mar.	33.45
May	33.11
July	32.35
Oct.	31.72
Dec.	31.72

LIVERPOOL

Future closings, in pence per lb. were as follows:

Old contract	
Oct./Nov.	24.60
Dec./Jan.	24.55
Mar./Apr.	24.35
May/June	24.20
July/Aug.	24.10
New contract	
Oct./Nov.	24.70
Dec./Jan.	24.00
Mar./Apr.	24.35
May/June	24.25
July/Aug.	24.25
Egyptian Karnak Nov./Dec. ..	54.25

SAO PAULO

Future closings, in cruzeiros per kilo were as follows:

October	33.70
December	36.60
March	—
May	—
July	39.40

In the US the average spot price was 33.09 cents. Sales totalled 15,029 bales.—United Press.

London Stocks Move Lower

London, Aug. 23.

Traders turned pessimistic and nearly all sections of the London Stock Exchange closed lower in quiet trading today.

British Governments and oil stocks were the principal casualties. Governments had losses running to about £⅜ in Old Consols and War Loan.

Oils retreated quietly all day and finished with the leaders mostly down around two shillings. Royal Dutch gave up nearly £1 and closed at £78.

Suez Canal eased about £1 as hopes for a reasonable settlement of the Canal dispute mixed.

Industrials generally were erratic, with leading blue chips on the downside a few pence until a modest rally lifted some issues near the close.

German bonds dipped fractionally and Japanese were unchanged in a quiet foreign bond group.

Gold and copper shares opened firm. Then support dwindled and they closed around opening levels.

Dollar stocks showed a firmer trend in line with Wall Street.—United Press.

New York Sugar Market

New York, Aug. 23.

World No. 4 sugar futures today closed 2 points lower to 1 point higher with sales of 40 contracts.

The domestic No. 6 sugar futures closed unchanged to 1 point lower with sales of 186 contracts.

World No. 6 sugar futures ruled quiet as traders awaited further developments in the raw situation.

Domestic contracts were dominated by evening-up operations in the September delivery where dealings expire tomorrow. Futures:

Contract No. 4 (world)

Sept.	3.28
Oct.	3.31
Mar.	3.30
May	3.30
July	3.31
Sept.	3.32
Spot—(cents per lb. fob Cuba)	3.30

Contract No. 6

Sept.	5.57
Nov.	5.57
Mar.	5.40
May	5.43
July	5.50
Sept.	5.53
Spot—(cents per lb. cif NY ex-duty)	5.57

—United Press.

Exchange Rates

Business was done in the local unofficial exchange market this morning at the following rates:—

U.S. dollar (per $1)	5.67
Sterling notes (per £1)	15.55
Australian notes (per £1)	12.00
Indonesian rupiah (per 100)	19.50
Siam tical (per 100)	27.40
Singapore (Straits)	1.82

WORLD RUBBER MARKETS

New York, Aug. 23.

The No. 1 Rss rubber futures contract today closed 35 to 50 points higher with sales of 53 contracts.

The standard contract closed 45 to 55 points higher with sales of 5 contracts.

Rex contract closed 30 to 40 points higher with sales of 83 contracts.

Closing prices:

No. 1 Rss

Sept.	35.50
Dec.	34.00

Standard contract

Sept.	35.00
Dec.	33.55
Mar.	31.90
May	30.90
July	29.90
Sept	28.90

Rex contract

Sept.	35.50
Nov.	34.00
Jan	33.15
Mar	32.10
May	31.20
July	30.30
Sept	29.40

The firmer trend reflected the action at London, plus the unresolved Suez situation and new uncertainties injected into the Formosa situation. Despite the overseas picture, local traders remained uncertain "which way to go," observers said in view of the continued slow factory demand and the disappointing consumption figures for July. Spot No 1 Rss was quoted nominally at 35⅝ cents a pound.

SINGAPORE

The market tended to sag on slackening demand with some liquidation after a steady opening. Futures closings were:

No. 1 rubber per lb.	Sept.	97¼-97½
	Oct.	97-97¼
	Nov.	unquoted
No. 2 rubber per lb.	Sept.	95-95½
No. 3 "	"	94-94½
No. 4 "	"	91½-92
Spot rubber unbaled		97-97½
Blanket crepe		77½-78
No. 1 pale crepe		117-119

LONDON

The market was steady with spot quoted at 29⅛ pence per lb. Prices:

No. 1 Rss spot	29-29¼
Settlement house term:	
September	28⅞-29⅛
Oct./Dec.	28¾-29
Jan./Mar.	27¾-28
Apr./June	27⅛-27⅜
July/September	27⅛-27¼
General markets, cif basis, ports:	
August	28¼-28½
September	28⅛-28⅜
October	28-28⅛
Estate crepe thin Aug. ..	36
Estate crepe thin Sept. ..	33¾
Estate crepe thick Sept. ..	37

AMSTERDAM

The market was steady. Prices closed today in guilders per kilogram, cif Sept. as follows:

No. 1 rubber	2.78 buyers
No. 2 rubber	2.71 paid
No. 3 rubber	2.66 buyers
No. 1 crepe	3.45 nom.

—United Press.

LONDON METAL PRICES

London, Aug. 23.

Price of metals closed today in sterling per long ton as follows:

	buyers	sellers
Tin spot	770	771
3-month	768	769
Copper spot	296	297
3-month	290	290½
Lead 2nd half Aug.	114½	116½
Nov.	115¾	115¾
Zinc 2nd half Aug.	94½	95
Nov.	92¾	93

—United Press.

Wall Street Shows Best Gains In Six Weeks

New York, Aug. 23.

Stocks, in an abrupt about-face today, swept aside the consideration which had sent the market down for six straight sessions, and scored their best gain since July 5.

Commentators said the Street had just about discounted the possibility of an increase in the credit discount rate—a long rumoured move which became fact after the close when the Federal Reserve Board put up the rate from 2¾ to 3 per cent which it charges on loans to member banks.

The boost was seen as a move against inflationary tendencies stemming from the wage-price spiral touched off by the steel industry. It followed on the heels of increases earlier this week in the prime rate charged by commercial banks, the rates on commercial paper, brokers loans and banker's acceptances—a switch on the usual order of things.

Nervousness regarding the trend toward tighter money gave the market a three-session loss of more than 4 billion before the list got renewed demand today.

All groups participated in the advance, with best gains in steels, metals, motors, oils, aircrafts, chemicals and specialties.

Individuals

Closing near the day's highs, individual stocks were up a point to more than 3 points while industrials as a group averaged 4.72 higher, rails 0.93 higher. Only utilities dipped, pulled down by one or two issues.

Trading was only moderate at 1,590,000 shares. The total of 1,089 issues traded was the smallest since last Nov. 11. Of these, 597 were higher, 240 lower.

In steels, gains ranged close to 3 points in Lukens, with Bethlehem, US Steel gained 2 points.

In motors, Chrysler gained nearly 2, and General Motors one point.

Oils had gains of over a point in Gulf and Royal Dutch, despite the Suez Canal problem. Kerr County added nearly 2 and Shell almost 2, the last on good dividend news.

Some of the best gains came in the non-ferrous metals where Alcoa, U.S. Smelting added around 3 points.

The day's activity centred in such high-grade issues as Gulf Oil, Jersey Standard, Glenn Martin, American Telephone, General Motors.

New York Stock Market bond volume was $3,260,000.

American Stock Exchange volume was 600,000 shares.

Closing Prices

Alden Inc. Acy.	$ 19¼
Allied Chemicals	105
Allied Mills Inc.	33½
Allis Chalmers	34
Amer. & Fore Power	14⅝
American Airline	24⅛
American Cyanamide Co.	73⅛
American Metal	30⅛
American Smelting	54⅛
American Tel & Tel	182⅛
American Tob. "B"	70¾
Anaconda Copper	84½
Armco Steel	64⅛
Armour	18¾
Baltimore & Ohio	49⅛
Benguet Cons.	1⅞
Bethlehem Steel	161½
Borden (The) Co.	60¼
Burroughs Add Machine	42¼
Canadian Pacific R.	35⅛
C.I.T. Financial Corp.	44½
Chrysler Motors	68¾
Climax Molybdenum	74
Colgate-Palmolive Co.	53
Commercial Credit	52¼
Commonwealth Elec.	41⅛
Consolidated Edison	47⅛
Continental Oil of Del.	129
Crane Co.	33¼
Crown Zellerbach	60¼
Cuban Amer. Sugar	16¾
Diamond Alkali	57
Dupont de Nemours	210¼
Eastman Kodak	94⅛
El Paso National Gas	55⅛
Ford Motor	57½
General Electric	62⅛
General Foods	40⅞
General Motors	47⅛
Getty Oil	30⅛
Glidden Co.	37⅛
Goodyear Tyre	78⅞
Heyden Chemical	15¾
Ingersoll-Rand	90¾
Int'l Harvester	37½
International Nickel	107
Int'l Tel & Tel	31⅛
Kansas C. Power & Light	42⅛
Kennecott Copper	137¼
Liggett Meyers Tob. Co.	66⅛
Lockheed Aircraft	49⅛
Loews Incorp.	20⅛
Lone Star Cement Co.	80⅛
Louisville & Nashville R.	86⅛
Minnesota Mining	99
Mission Development	30⅛
Monsanto Chemical Co.	41⅛
Montgomery Ward	42⅛
National Cash Reg. "A"	53⅛
National Lead	118½
National Steel Corp.	76¼
New York Central	37¼
Olin Mathieson	57⅛
Otis Elevators	47
Pacific Gas & Elec.	50⅛
Pan American Airways	18⅛
Paramount Pictures	33⅛
Parke Davis Co.	49
Penny J. C. Co.	88⅛
Penn. Salt Co.	63
Procter & Gamble Co.	53⅛
Pittsburgh Plate Glass	89⅛
Radio Corporation	43⅛
Republic Steel	51
Reynolds Metal	78⅛
Sinclair Oil	63⅛
Socony Mobiloil	64⅛
Standard Brands	39
Standard Oil of Cal.	61
Standard Oil of Ind.	61⅛
Standard Oil of N.J.	66⅛
Steep Rock	22
Sterling Drug Co.	34⅛
Stokely-Van Camp.	12
Studebaker-Packard Corp	8⅛
Swift & Co.	47¼
Texas Co	63⅛
Union Carbide	123⅛
Union Pacific Railway	31¼
United Aircraft	82⅛
U.S. Gypsum	99
U.S. Rubber	51⅛
U.S. Smelting	65⅛
U.S. Steel	64⅛
Warner Bros.	27⅛
Westinghouse Electric	57⅛
West Va Pulp & Paper	30¼
Woolworth	46⅛

—United Press.

London Foreign Exchange

London, Aug. 23

New York	2.78¾-2.78⅞
Montreal	2.73 11/16-2.73 [illegible] 1/16
Amsterdam	10.63⅝-10.63⅞
Lisbon	80.10-80.15
Milan	1741-1742
Paris	980⅜-980⅝
Stockholm	14.40¾-14.41
Zurich	12.17¾-12.18

Others were unchanged.—United Press.

New York Foreign Exchange

New York, Aug. 23

Canada	$1.01-31/32
England official	2.78-9/16

—United Press.

US BANK RATES RAISED

Washington, Aug. 23.

The Federal Reserve Board announced today that four member banks will raise interest rates tomorrow in the fight to curb inflationary tendencies.

Federal Reserve district banks at New York, Philadelphia, Richmond, Virginia, and Chicago will raise rates from 2¾ per cent to three per cent — the highest rates prevailing since the "bank holiday" of 1934.

Two other district banks — Minneapolis, and San Francisco—have been at the three per cent rate since last April.

The other six banks are expected to follow the lead soon.—United Press.

NEW YORK METAL FUTURES

New York, Aug. 23.

Prices of metal futures closed today in cents per lb. as follows:

Lead	Aug.	16.00b
	Sept.	16.00b
Tin	Aug.	98.50b
	Sept.	98.00b
Zinc	Aug.	13.07b
	Sept.	13.05b
Copper	Aug.	37.40b
	Sept.	37.40b

—United Press.

NAMESAKES

Anwers:—1 Royal, 2 Colchester, 3 Fiddlers, 4 Kingdom, 5 Pipe, 6 Britain, 7 Govern, 8 Court, 9 Soul, 10 Bowl, 11 Merry.

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"CANTON"	10th October	12th November

Via Southampton, Port Said, Aden, Bombay, Colombo, Penang & Singapore.

Homewards	Leaves Hongkong	Due London
"CORFU"	21st September	22nd October
"CARTHAGE"	19th October	19th November
"CHUSAN"	31st October	27th November
"CANTON"	16th November	17th December

Via Singapore, Penang, Colombo, Bombay, Aden, Port Said & London.

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"SALSETTE"	due 26th Aug.	from U.K.
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Contempt Of Court: Fines Imposed

Fines varying from $300 to $50 were imposed this morning by the Full Court, comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan and Puisne Judge, Mr Justice J. Reynolds, on two Chinese daily newspapers who had admitted responsibility for contempt of court in articles published last month relating to an alleged murder and alleged abortion.

In its judgment the Court directed that (1) a writ will issue in respect of Lo Sau-ling, proprietress of the Yuet Wah Daily News, but will be suspended if within seven days she pays a fine of $300; (2) a writ should not issue against Hung Lai-man, editor of the newspaper, (3) a writ will issue in respect of Tse Kai-cho, publisher of the newspaper, but will be superseded if within seven days he pays a fine of $50; (4) a fine of $50 is imposed on the Shek Kee Press Ltd., printers of the newspaper, which if not paid within seven days, shall be levied upon their goods.

In the case of the Chung Ying Daily News, the Court directed that in respect of Chan Kui-cheong, who is the proprietor, editor and publisher of the paper, a writ will issue but will be superseded if within seven days he pays a fine of $300, and that in respect of Lee Yuk-ching, printers of the paper, a writ will issue but will be superseded if within seven days he pays a fine of $50.

NOT PREMEDITATED

The Court, in its judgment, said: "We are satisfied in each case that the publication was not a deliberate and premeditated move to influence the trial. It appears to have resulted from a desire to make the most of an item of a sensational type whilst that item was still new and startling. That this desire broke the bounds of propriety and resulted in an article which is likely to prejudice the trial of an accused, was, we think, mainly due to the unfortunate occurrence of the editor's (Yuet Wah Daily News) illness which removed unexpectedly and temporarily the restraint that his more experienced guidance would have exercised over the less temperate impulses of his reporters."

"In each case the Respondents through their counsel and affirmations expressed sincere regret for their error in publishing such articles and their desire and firm intention to avoid such infringements in future," the judgment said.

The Respondents were represented by Mr Brook Bernacchi instructed by Mr P. C. Woo.

Government Appointments

The following Government appointments have been made or approved, the Gazette notified this morning:—

Mr Robert Alfred Cyrk Brown to be Building Surveyor on probation; Mr R W Bell to be Acting Superintendent Radiographer, Mr B E Willmott to be Acting Senior Radiographer; Dr Theodore Chang to be Medical Officer on probation; Mr Alfredo Jose Maria Prata, to be Acting Senior Acountant, Waterworks Office, Public Works Department; Mr Alex Carroll Mark to be an Inspector of Boilers, Mr Tan Sze-sun to be an Assistant Registrar, under the Registrar General (Establishment) Ordinance; Mr Roy Porter to be a Labour Inspector.

Mr F E Johnson ceased to be Air Registration Board Surveyor, upon the return to the Colony of Mr A E. Clifford; Mr D Falgate and Mr Julian Ha Wing-lok, Air Traffic Control Officers have been appointed as authorised persons for the purposes of Article 64 of the Colonial Air Navigation Order, 1955. Mr A Todd ceased to be Clerk of Councils, upon the resumption of duty by Mr D C C Luddington; Mr G. H. A. Morris ceased to be an Assistant Secretary to the Urban Council, upon the resumption of duty by Mr M W Rumsey.

CONSULAR APPOINTMENTS

The Gazette this morning notified that Mr Tengku Maimun Habsjah has been provisionally recognised as Consul-General for Indonesia, and Mr Jesse B. McElroy and Mr Edwin J. Garrity as Consuls for the United States of America.

It was also notified that the Queen's Exequatur empowering Mr Mom Rajawongse Seniphrom Kamalat to act as Vice-Consul for Thailand has received Her Majesty's signature.

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith

"I like to drop in whenever I've got time to kill—you're always such a good listener!"

Official Statistics

Births Greatly Exceed Deaths

During July a total of 8,218 births were registered in Hongkong (8,141 Chinese, 77 non-Chinese) and the aggregate for the year to the end of last month was 50,198 (Chinese 49,603, non-Chinese 593.)

For the corresponding periods deaths registered were 1,711 (Chinese 1,693, non-Chinese 18) and 11,462 (Chinese 11,351, non-Chinese 111.)

Other interesting statistics given in a supplement to today's Government Gazette are:

The Kowloon-Canton Railway (British section) carried 157,717 passengers upward during July and 153,107 downward. The respective totals for the period January-July were 1,314,254 and 1,315,151. This passenger traffic produced $293,862 for the month of July and $2,543,778 for the first seven months of the year.

ACCIDENTS

The section devoted to traffic accidents and casualties reveal that during July the total number of accidents in the Colony was 902 (388 in Hongkong and 604 in Kowloon and the New Territories.)

Total number of accidents over the first seven months of the year was 6 833, of which 2,618 were in Hongkong and 4,215 in Kowloon and the New Territories.

The total number of casualties from traffic accidents in July was 408. These included seven fatalities and 59 seriously injured. For the first seven months of the year the respective figures were 2,889, 83 and 409.

Industrial accidents during July numbered 429, with 435 persons sustaining injuries. Over the first seven months of the year the total number of accidents was 2,571, and the number of persons injured was 2,006.

NATURALISED

The Gazette this morning announced that the following had been granted certificates of naturalisation:—

Mr Ernest Edward Walker, accountant, of 26 Ice House Street, second floor; Mr Mui Chan-sik, treasurer, of 311 Prince Edward Road, first floor; Miss Julia Tuen-yee Hua, student, of 211 Prince Edward Road; Mr Harley Yik (also known as Yik Sui-lon) apprentice engineer (marine), of 99E, Waterloo Road, first floor; and Dr Lin Shih-hsi, of the Medical Department, Hongkong Government, residing at 7 Kwong Wa Street, first floor.

Committee Disbanded

The Authorised Architects Consulting Committee appointed by His Excellency the Governor has been disbanded in consequence of the assumption of its functions by the Examination and Disciplinary Boards appointed under the Buildings (Administration) Regulations, 1956, it was announced in this morning's Gazette.

Committed For Trial

Leung Hon-man, 38, an unlicensed medical practitioner, was committed for trial at the Criminal sessions, Supreme Court, by Mr W. F. Pickering at Central Magistracy this morning on a charge of abortion.

The accused was alleged unlawfully to have used an instrument or by some other means, to procure the miscarriage of a 22-year-old woman, Shek Ping-ying, at No. 22 Java Road, ground floor, on July 3.

Chief Court Inspector J.E.H. Hidden, assisted by Det. Insp. Wong, prosecuted. Mr Francis H. B. Wong, of C. Y. Kwan and Co. appeared for the defence.

The accused is on bail of $12,000.

REMANDED FOR THREE DAYS

A 29-year-old hawker, Lai Shiu-kei, of an unnumbered hut in Lin Fa Kung Street, charged with unlawful possession of an instrument fit for an unlawful purpose, was remanded three days in police custody by Mr Hin-shing Lo at Central this morning.

It was said that on August 22, outside No. 222 Hollywood Road, defendant was found to have in his possession five silver chain necklaces, two silver medallions, a jade ring and a pair of scissors, suspected to have been stolen or unlawfully obtained.

Slight Loss In Water Storage

In the 24-hour period ending at 8 o'clock this morning, the Colony's reservoirs lost four million gallons of water.

Total storage this morning was 4,042 million gallons. Consumption yesterday amounted to 38 million gallons and the yield from streams and catchment areas was 34 million gallons.

No rainfall was registered by the Water Authority.

Wounding Charge

A barber and a coolie were remanded for three days by Mr F. X. D'Almada at Central this morning on a charge of wounding.

Yu Wai-hung, alias Pak Fan-tzai, 22, of Fleming Road, and Lam Nuen, alias Lam Tsai, 25, of King's Road, were alleged to have unlawfully and maliciously wounded Wong Tim on August 20 at the rear lane of Stone Nullah Lane.

Yu Wai-hung was represented by Mr Peter Mo.

Resign Commissions

Lieut G. A. Lemay of the Hongkong Regiment and Lieut K.A.P. Liddy of the Royal Hongkong Defence Force Reserve of Officers have been permitted to resign their commissions, it was announced in this morning's Gazette.

The Gazette also reported that Mr. S.E.G. Cunningham has been confirmed in the rank of Commissioned Boatswain in the Hongkong Royal Naval Volunteer Reserve.

Witness Tells Of Objection To Paying Govt Official

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"Ultimately I did sign the document," witness added.

Mr Braude then identified his signature and that of Hogarth on a document, which related to the sale of 18,000 shares in the Mountain Lead Mines Co., which would realise $25,000.

Witness said he had no recollection whatsoever of the mention of $25,000 before that time. The only recollection he had before was of the figure of $15,000 and this sum had nothing to do with the present matter at all.

The document, Mr Braude added, referred to the $25,000 as a recompense to a Mr Tsao in respect of his prospecting licence. He had not heard of this Mr Tsao before that time. At the time he himself signed the document, he did not know that this $25,000 was to be handed over to Keay.

On June 7, Mr Shaw, Mr Kavanagh (both of the Anti-Corruption Branch) and Hogarth came to his office about noon and Mr Shaw spoke to him in the presence of Hogarth. Mr Shaw asked him if he had heard of this man called Tsao and he replied he had not.

Identified Signature

Witness said that as far as he could remember Mr Shaw said the purpose of his visit was to go into the affairs of the Syndicate. He could not remember whether Mr Shaw asked him whether he knew at the time that the $25,000 had been handed to Keay, but he did not think Mr Shaw asked him that.

He did remember Mr Shaw asking him if there had been a proposal at a certain meeting that 10,000 shares should be allocated to Keay. He told Mr Shaw that he had no knowledge of that proposal.

Hogarth then asked him if he could remember something, but Mr Kavanagh told Hogarth that he (witness) had already said he could not remember. The matter stopped there.

Witness then identified his own signature and that of Hogarth on a number of documents. On the Bohespic Syndicate agreement, he identified his (Mr Braude's) wife's signature on it, among those of the Syndicate members.

Cross-examined by Mr Wright, Mr Braude said one or two days before he received the resolution, Patterson phoned him and told him he would be sending over the resolution. By the time it arrived there were the signatures of the other Syndicate members on it.

Hong Sling's Evidence

Mr Hong Sling said the Syndicate concluded an agreement with Mr O'Neill and in May 1955 the Taimoshan Mining Co., Ltd. was registered. A report of the engineer, Mr McMahon, was given in July, 1955.

Witness said he was responsible for negotiations his Syndicate had with Mr O'Neill, but after December, 1955, although he was theoretically in charge, Hogarth took over and was negotiating with a lot of people.

His attention was drawn to a letter written by Keay to their Syndicate in December, 1955, recommending that they obtained the additional strip of land and that for a reasonable sum a transfer could be effected.

Witness said before he received this letter he had had no discussion with Keay about acquisition of this land.

He said at one time Keay mentioned in due course they should set about getting some land to form a roadway, but the Syndicate had not sufficient funds to deal with such a proposition and he thought it should be attended to at a later stage.

Keay did not mention the name of the person having the rights to this strip, nor did he mention a sum like $25,000, said Mr Hong Sling.

He said that in his reply to this letter on December 30 he told Keay the matter of the approach road would be taken up later.

'Wash My Hands'

Before he had received Keay's letter he did not know that strip had been applied for, Mr Hong Sling said.

He said the Hartman report was given on, December 31, 1955 and copies were circulated to members of the Syndicate. Later he handed all the three reports on the area to Mr Kavanagh.

He said he sent a letter to Keay on January 31, 1956, informing him that the Taimoshan Mining Co. was to apply for a mining licence in respect of the Kwai Lung veins and a prospecting licence in respect of the remaining area.

Mr Hong Sling said he was requested to write this by Hogarth. It was decided at a meeting of the Syndicate.

On February 9 he again wrote to Keay informing him that the Taimoshan Co. was not renewing the prospecting licence, said Mr Hong Sling. The Syndicate had a meeting and it was decided not to renew the licence.

"In the circumstances I thought I might as well wash my hands of the situation, and I had no objection; I just carried out instructions," said Mr Hong Sling when Crown Counsel, Mr Rea, asked him what his views on this step were.

In his own mind he did not agree, but he could not recall having made any objection at the meeting, he said.

When Mr Rea pressed him further about whether he said anything at the meeting, Mr Wright objected.

"Is there anything wrong in allowing the licence to lapse? After all they were acting on the advice of Counsel," said Mr Wright.

New Syndicate

Mr Rea said the defence could not rely completely on advice from Counsel. Indeed, they might not have been as fully advised as they said.

Mr Wright said the Solicitor-General did not open his case on the basis that there was anything improper in allowing the licence to lapse.

Mr Rea said that the opinion of the witness was of little weight and he wanted to know whether the witness said anything in the presence of the accused.

Continuing, Mr Hong Sling said a new syndicate, the Bohespic Syndicate, was formed and an agreement by the members was signed. At a meeting prior to the signing of the agreement, there were discussions relating to certain payments to Keay and Professor Davis. He said he did not raise the matter nor did he recall who had raised the matter. Hogarth was then in the chair and among others present were Whitefield and Mr Burns. He said he did not recall if Hogarth had mentioned any figures.

At that meeting, Mr Hong Sling said, he had not said anything about Keay. He had agreed that Professor Davis should be reimbursed for his report. Hogarth and Whitefield agreed and it was only a question of how much Professor Davis should be reimbursed, but no figure was mentioned at the meeting.

Braude's Objection

With regard to payment to Keay, there was no unanimous agreement, Mr Hong Sling said. Mr Burns and Mr Braude had disagreed. Mr Braude had expressed his objection, saying that he would definitely oppose any payment to any government servant, witness said.

At another meeting at Mr Armstrong's Office, Professor Davis and Keay were again mentioned at the end of the agenda. He said he could not recall who raised the matter, but that it came up in conversation. Everybody had something to say about it, witness said. No figures were ever mentioned and Mr Armstrong put a stop to the discussion, saying, "We won't go into that matter now, it's up to you people to settle among yourselves."

Mr Hong Sling went on to tell of conversation between himself, Mr Burns and Hogarth at the University Alumni Club on about May 16.

"Hogarth wanted our opinion as to payment to Keay for this strip of land to be paid to someone else and whether we agreed to it or not. He said that the funds to pay for this would be obtained by selling some of the Syndicate shares to cover the required amount. Burns and I both objected in doing this thing at that time and we did not think the transaction was, you might say, clear. We had our doubts about the thing coming up so suddenly," Mr Hong Sling said.

He added that he also questioned the price at which the shares were being sold.

He said this was the first time that he heard the amount of $25,000 mentioned.

Hogarth said that was the price he could get for the shares, Mr Hong Sling continued. "He mentioned that Keay had told him that he would waive the 7,500 shares that were voted to him and therefore we could save on those shares. In other words, they could be sold along with the additional shares so that the $25,000 would be raised," Mr Hong Sling said.

The witness said that Hogarth did not mention the name of the person who was to receive the $25,000. He just said "a Chinese gentleman whom Keay was representing."

"We said that this man should come forward and Burns also wanted to talk to him, and check his claim," the witness stated. "And if it were not inconvenient to do so we suggested that he should go to see Mr Armstrong and have Mr Armstrong satisfy himself that the claim was genuine."

'Had No Time'

He agreed that the idea was for Mr Armstrong to obtain evidence of the genuiness of the claim.

Mr Rea asked whether the evidence was ever put before the members of the syndicate, and Mr Hong Sling answered that it was not.

Did Hogarth tell them what the evidence was? asked Crown Counsel.

No, Hogarth said he had no time to attend to anything like that, Mr Hong Sling said.

On May 19, Mr Hong Sling continued, he signed a letter with Mr Burns to Hogarth and did not receive a reply. On the same day, Hogarth returned the letter to him and allegedly said, "What is this nonsense. I am not going to pay any attention to it." Subsequently, witness went to Mr Armstrong with Mr Burns and was shown a letter.

On June 4, a meeting was held at the Sports Club where Whitefield, Patterson and Mr Hulse were present. Patterson asked him if he had signed the agreement of payment of $25,000, to which the witness replied that he had not. Patterson asked, "Why didn't you?" Witness replied, "I did not sign."

'May Be Cancelled'

At the meeting Whitefield was alleged to have said that unless, the Syndicate paid the money, there would be a chance of the licence being cancelled. He did not mention how he knew of it.

Witness said he did not know that the Syndicate had authorised to pay money to Keay.

Mr Hong Sling then produced various letters sent by Keay to the Syndicate and to him personally.

Hearing is proceeding.

Leaps To Death

An unidentified man jumped from the rooftop at 421, Lockhart Road about 7.30 this morning. He was fatally injured.

Appeal Dismissed

The Full Court comprising the Chief Justice, Mr Justice M. J. Hogan, and the Puisne Judge Mr Justice J. Reynolds this morning dismissed an appeal brought by a prisoner for reduction of sentence.

The prisoner, Lam Chung-hing, was sentenced to three years' imprisonment by the Kowloon District Court for wounding with intent.

Lam in his appeal said that he was forced into committing the offence. He said that the victim of his attack had been a Police informer and because of alleged false accusations made against him, he had suffered beatings at the hands of the police. He had been a suspect of the police because of his victim's malicious acts, Lam told the court.

Crown Counsel, Mr Simon F. S. Li, opposing the appeal, said that Lam had committed a very serious offence and he did not think the sentence imposed on him was excessive. Mr Li added that the maximum sentence for the offence was five years.

Mr Justice Hogan remarked that what Lam had said did not provide any reason for reducing his sentence.

Red Warship Sunk, Claim

Taipei, Aug 23.

The Chinese Nationalist Navy early this morning sank a Communist Chinese frigate and damaged three gunboats in a 43-minute sea battle west of Matsu, Nationalist Navy headquarters here claimed tonight.

The action took place about 40 minutes after a United States four-engined Navy Martin Mercator plane was shot down further north.

The Navy said two Nationalist warships on patrol sighted a formation of three Communist gunboats, escorting a frigate, which opened fire on the Nationalist ships.

During the ensuing gunbattle, the Navy said, the Nationalist warships scored several direct hits on the frigate, which exploded and sank. They also damaged the three gunboats two of them seriously. The Communist ships retreated to the mouth of the Min river.

The Nationalist warships suffered no damage and have returned to their base safely, the Navy stated.—France-Presse.

Duke For S'pore

London, Aug. 23.

The Duke of Edinburgh will visit Singapore in the Royal yacht Britannia on October 31.

He will fly to Kuala Lumpur the next day and return to Singapore on November 2, and will sail for New Guinea late in the evening.—Franco-Presse.

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